

Acronyms

AIPN	··· Advanced Industrial Property Network
APEC	··· Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
ARIPO	··· African Regional Intellectual Property Organization
ASEAN	··· Association of Southeast Asian Nations
CAF	··· Common Application Format
CHC	··· Common Hybrid Classification
CIPTC	··· China Intellectual Property Training Center
CTMO	··· China Trademark Office
DAS	··· Digital Access Service for Priority Documents
ECLA	··· European Classification
EPA	··· Economic Partnership Agreement
EPC	··· European Patent Convention
EPO	··· European Patent Office
EU	··· European Union
FA	··· First Action
FI	··· File Index
FTA	··· Free Trade Agreement
INPIT	··· National Center for Industrial Property Information and Training
IPC	··· International Patent Classification
IPDL	··· Industrial Property Digital Library
IPEG	··· Intellectual Property Rights Experts Group
IPR	··· Intellectual Property Rights
JPO	··· Japan Patent Office
KIPO	··· Korean Intellectual Property Office
LDC	··· Least Developed Country
METI	··· Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry in Japan
MEXT	··· Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science & Technology in Japan
OAPI	··· Organisation Africaine de la Propriété Intellectuelle
OHIM	··· Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market
PAJ	··· Patent Abstracts of Japan
PCT	··· Patent Cooperation Treaty
PPH	··· Patent Prosecution Highway
SA	··· Second Action
SAIC	··· State Administration for Industry and Commerce of the People's Republic of China
SIPO	··· State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China
TLO	··· Technology Licensing Organization
TRIPS	··· Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
USPTO	··· United States Patent and Trademark Office
WIPO	··· World Intellectual Property Organization
WTO	··· World Trade Organization