

Acronyms

CY	Calendar Year [KIPO]
DOC	Department Of Commerce (U.S.) [USPTO]
DOCDB	DOCument DataBase [EPO]
EDP	Electronic Data Processing
EPC	European Patent Convention [EPO]
EPO	European Patent Office
EU	European Union
FAOM	First office Action On Merits [USPTO]
FOSR	Four Office Statistics Report
FY	Fiscal Year
IFRS	International Financial Reporting Standards
INPIT	National Center for Industrial Property Information and Training [JPO]
IP	Intellectual Property
IPC	International Patent Classification
IPR	Intellectual Property Rights [USPTO]
IPEA	International Preliminary Examination Authority
ISA	International Searching Authority
IT	Information Technology
JPO	Japan Patent Office
KIPO	Korean Intellectual Property Office
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PCT	Patent Cooperation Treaty
PDCA	Plan, Do, Check and Act [JPO]
PPH	Patent prosecution highway

P. R. China	People's Republic of China
R. Korea	Republic of Korea
RO	Receiving Office
R&D	Research and Development
SHARE	Strategic Handling of Applications for Rapid Examination [KIPO/USPTO]
SIPO	State Intellectual Property Office
TSR	Trilateral Statistical Report
U.S.	United States of America
USPTO	United States Patent and Trademark Office
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization