

SIPO to Revise the Implementing Rules of Patent Law

Chinese version China's State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) is expected to change name of the current Implementing Rules of Patent Law of the People's Republic of China to "Implementing Provisions for the Patent Law of the People's Republic of China".

The SIPO issued on November 4, 2008 the Draft Amendment to the Implementing Provisions for the Patent Law of the People's Republic of China (Draft for Comment) for public input. Under the Draft, if the patent applicants are Chinese units and haven't consigned any patent agency, they must delegate one of their personnel as the contact person.

The public-input process is scheduled to conclude on December 5, 2008. The fourth session of the Standing Committee of the 11th National People's Congress (NPC) deliberated, for the first time, the draft amendment to the Patent Law at the end of August, 2008.

Besides, the SIPO also released on November 6 the Amendment to the Guidelines for Patent Examination and Approval (Draft) (Draft for Comment) for public input. And the process will be ended on November 25, 2008.

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