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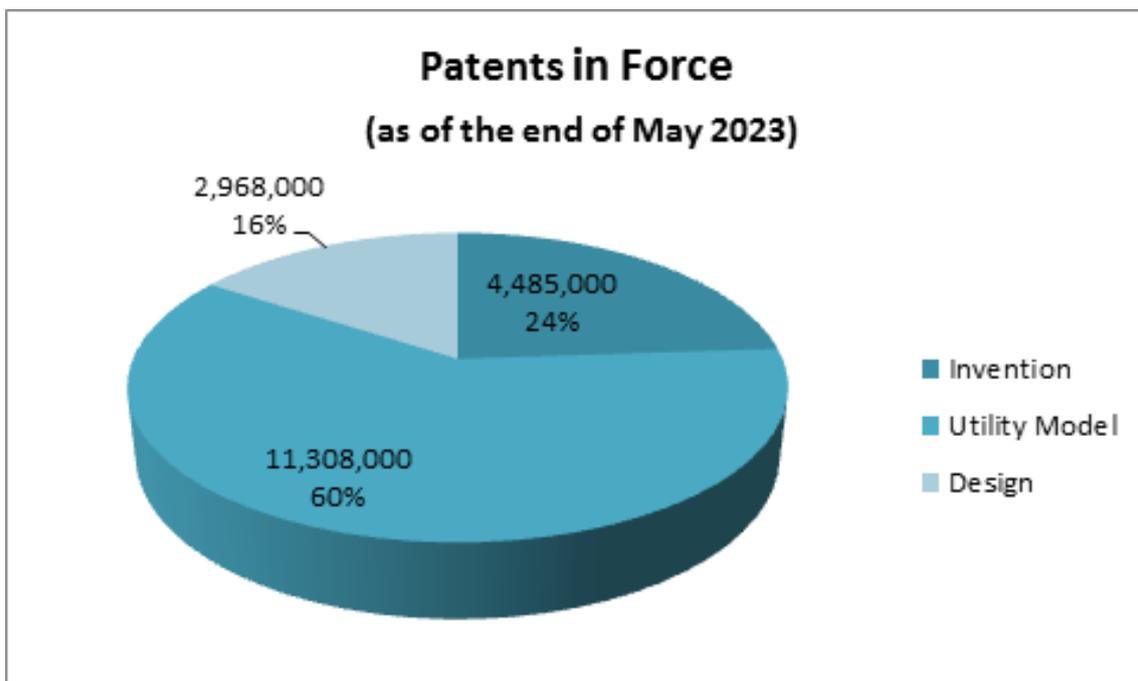
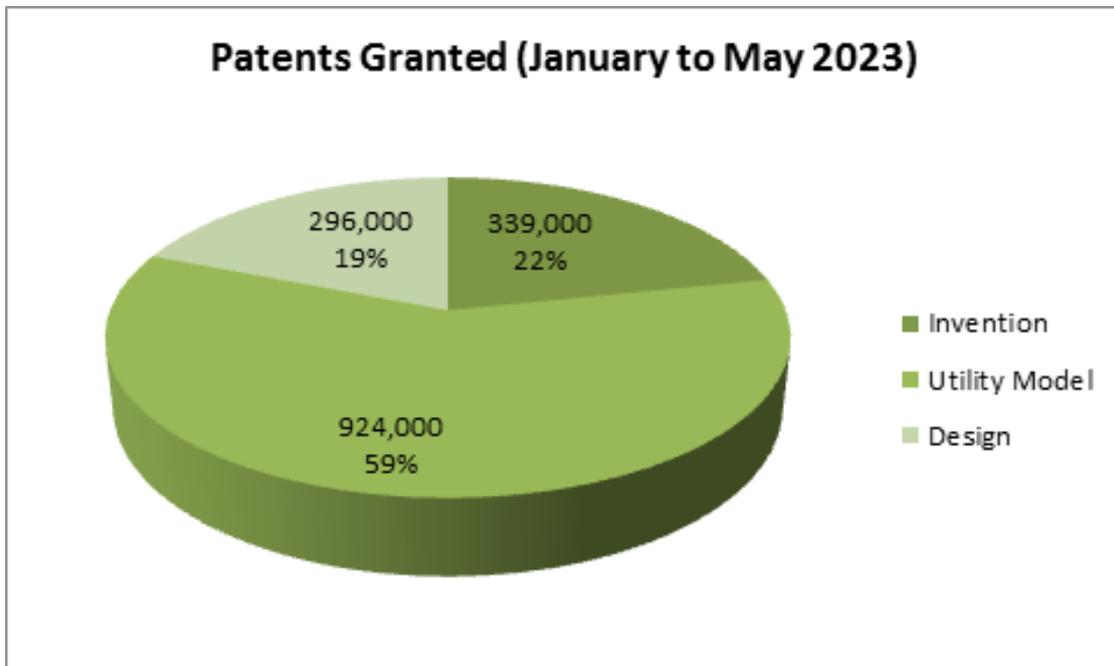


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Patents

CNIPA publishes statistical data on patents from January to May 2023



From January to May 2023, the CNIPA received 27,700 PCT applications, of which 25,600 were filed by domestic applicants.

Also, according to statistics, from January to April 2023, Chinese applicants submitted a total of 613 international applications for design patents. From January to May 2023, a total of 509 published international applications for design patents designated China.

(Source: China National Intellectual Property Administration)

Trademarks

CNIPA publishes statistical data on trademarks from January to May 2023

From January to May 2023, 2,700,000 trademark applications were filed in China, and 1,679,000 trademarks were registered. As of the end of May 2023, registered trademarks in force reached 43,963,000.

In addition, from January to May 2023, the CNIPA received 2,338 Madrid international trademark registration applications filed by Chinese applicants.

(Source: China National Intellectual Property Administration)

Geographical Indications and Layout Designs of Integrated Circuits

CNIPA publishes statistical data on geographical indications and layout designs of integrated circuits from January to May 2023

	Geographical Indication Products approved	Geographical Indication Trademarks approved to be registered as collective trademarks or certification trademarks	Market Participants approved to use the special mark for Geographical Indications
January to May 2023	2	76	2,650
As of the end of May 2023	2,497	7,152	26,134

In addition, from January to May 2023, 4,213 applications for registration of layout designs of integrated circuits were filed in China, and 4,090 registration certificates were issued.

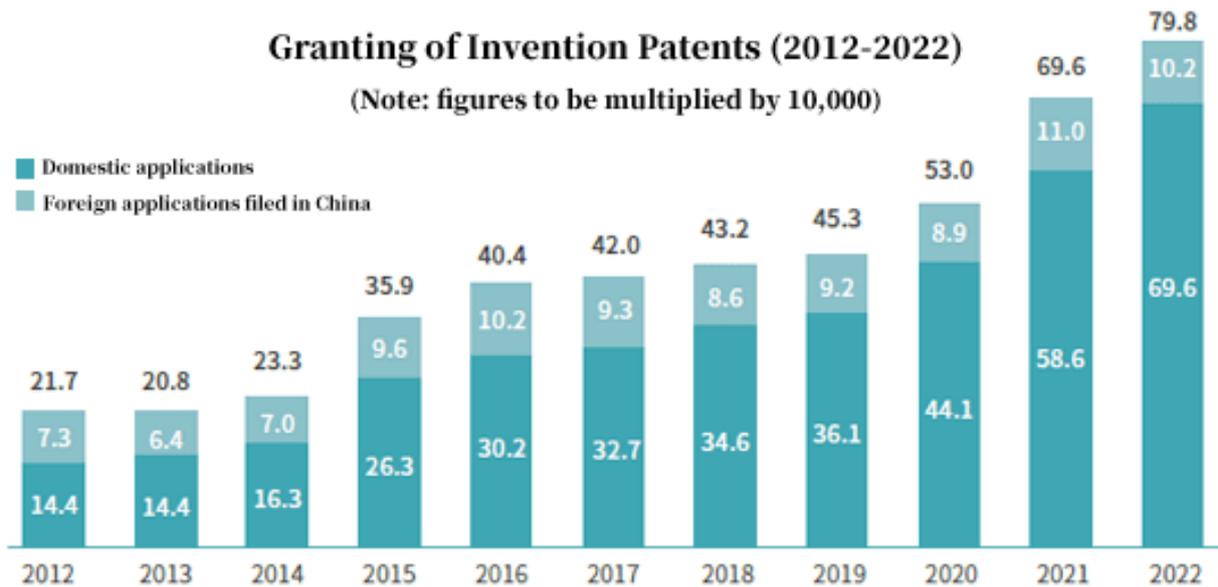
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Intellectual Property

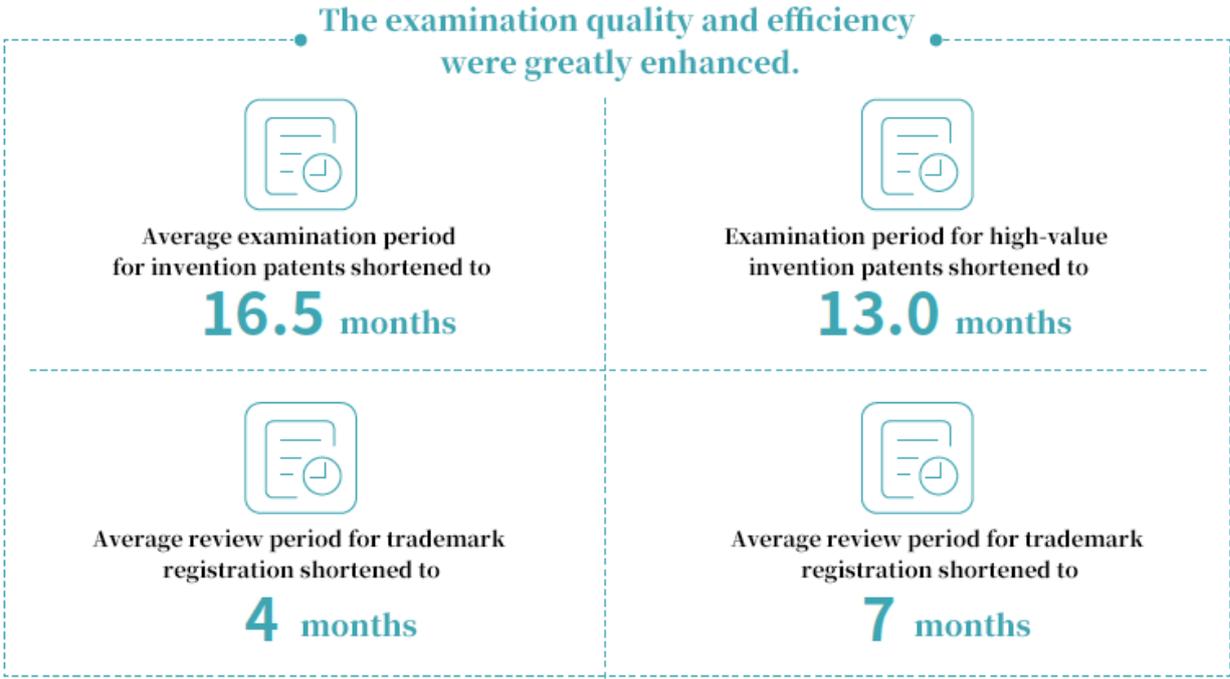
CNIPA releases its 2022 Annual Report

Recently, the CNIPA released its *2022 Annual Report* (the “Report”). According to the Report, the examination quality and efficiency were both improving at a steady pace. During the year 2022, a total of 798,000 invention patents were granted and 6,177,000 trademarks were registered.



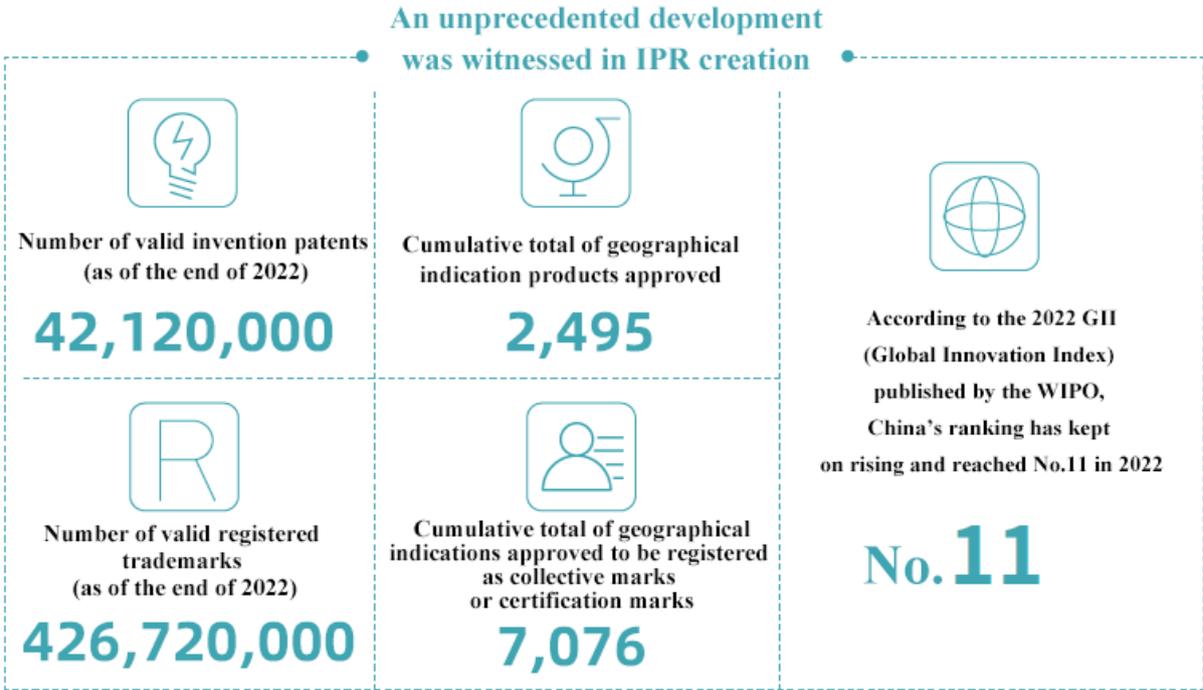
The average examination period for invention patents was shortened to 16.5 months, and the examination period for high-value invention patents was shortened to 13.0 months. The average review period for trademark registration was shortened to 4 months, accomplishing ahead of schedule the five-year goal of the State Council in terms of the shortening of the review periods.

Intellectual Property



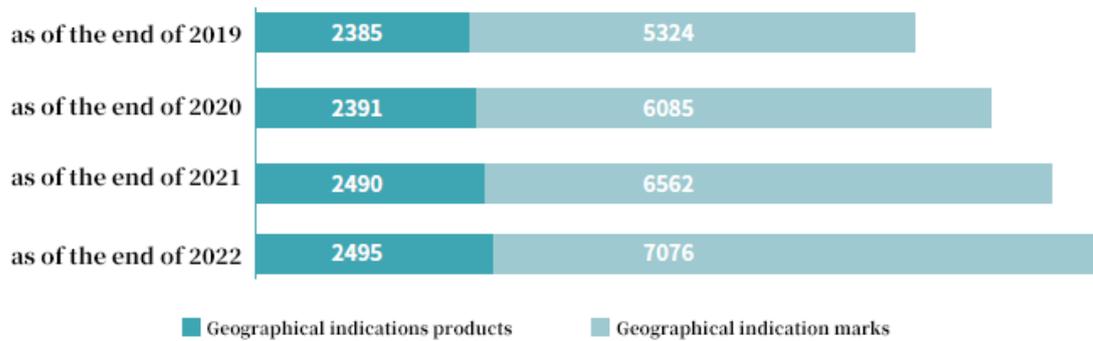
The accuracy rate of invention patent examination reached 93.4% and the random inspection pass rate of trademark review reached 97.6%.

As of the end of 2022, the number of valid invention patents in China was 4,212,000; the number of valid registered trademarks was 42,672,000. A cumulative total of 2,495 geographical indication products have been approved, and 7,076 geographical indications have been approved to be registered as collective marks or certification marks. A cumulative total of 61,000 certificates have been issued for layout designs of integrated circuits.



Intellectual Property

Protection for geographical indication products and geographical indication marks (2019-2022)



China has been top 1 for years in terms of the number of PCT applications, showing its strengths and position as an IP superpower.

In addition, the reform in the utility model system was steadily pushed forward, and preparations were made for the introduction of obvious-inventiveness examination. Also, efforts were made to coordinate the examination work of design patents after China joined the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs.

Statistics also revealed that a total of 955,000 abnormal patent applications were bulletined in 2022, and a cumulative total of 372,100 malicious trademark registrations were cracked down on.

(Source: China National Intellectual Property Administration)