

Acronyms

ARIPO	African Regional Intellectual Property Office
DOC	Department Of Commerce (U.S.) [USPTO]
DOCDB	DOCument DataBase [EPO]
EAPO	Eurasian Patent Organisation
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
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INPIT	National Center for Industrial Property Information and Training [JPO]
IP	Intellectual Property
IPC	International Patent Classification
IPR	Intellectual Property Rights
IPEA	International Preliminary Examination Authority
ISA	International Searching Authority
IT	Information Technology
JPO	Japan Patent Office
KIPO	Korean Intellectual Property Office
OAPI	Organisation Africaine de la Propriété intellectuelle
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PCT	Patent Cooperation Treaty

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PDCA	Plan Do Check and Act [JPO]
PPH	Patent prosecution highway
R. Korea	Republic of Korea
RO	Receiving Office
R&D	Research and Development
SHARE	Strategic Handling of Applications for Rapid Examination [KIPO/USPTO]
TSR	Trilateral Statistical Report
U.S.	United States of America
USG	U.S. Government
USPTO	United States Patent and Trademark Office
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organisation