

Guidelines on National IP Strategy reviewed and approved by State Council

The Guidelines on National IP Strategy were reviewed and approved in principle at an executive meeting of the State Council presided over by Premier Wen Jiabao on April 9, 2008.

The Guidelines on National IP Strategy, drafted by the SIPO and other departments, were approved in principle at the meeting. It was pointed out in the meeting that, with the rapid growth of science and technology, intellectual economy and economical globalization, intellectual property rights had been a focus for international economic competition and competition among enterprises, and played an increasingly important role in the economic and social development. Formulating and implementing the Guidelines on National IPR Strategy was critical to the future of the nation. The State Council determined to make efforts to encourage creative work of the whole society and stimulate the nation's innovative spirits by constantly optimizing and improving the IP system, thus producing a boom in creativity and innovation abilities and gaining more respect for all innovation achievements. Efforts would also be made to transform the nation's rich human resources into intellectual resources and turn China's enormous market potentials to a great attraction to the international intellectual resources, so as to speed up the pace of building the innovative country and enhance the core competitiveness of the nation.

It was also pointed out that the guiding principle of "incentive creativity, effective utilization, legal protection, and scientific administration" should be implemented, and that efforts must be made in the following aspects: (1) optimizing the IP system, formulating and improving IP laws and regulations, establishing and consummating reasonable and coordinate IP networks and mechanisms, promoting the construction of administrative enforcement systems, and bringing the principal function of the judicial protection to full play; (2) making enterprises the main force in creating IPR, giving full play to the role of colleges and research institutes in creation of IPR, and encouraging mass invention-creations; (3) encouraging and helping market players to exercise their IP rights by the law, and accelerating the transformation of innovative and inventive accomplishments into actual productivity to contribute to the welfare of the society; (4) strengthening the IP enforcement, fighting against infringement, and reducing the cost of IP enforcement while increasing the cost of infringement; (5) reasonably delimiting the scope of IPR to effectively maintain a normal market competition order and safeguard the legitimate rights of the public; (6) intensifying the international cooperation, actively participating in the establishment of the international IP order, abiding by the international rules, and promoting reasonable sharing of human civilization; (7) nurturing the IP culture, promoting the nation's IP awareness, and creating an environment of respecting IPR, encouraging innovation, being honest and obeying the law.

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