



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING between National Intellectual Property Administration of P. R. China

and **Danish Patent and Trademark Office**

The National Intellectual Property Administration of P. R. China and the Danish Patent and Trademark Office, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties",

recognizing the importance of intellectual property in promoting a strong national and global economy, encouraging economic investment in innovation and fostering entrepreneurial spirit;

desiring to further bilateral cooperation between the Parties to strengthen existing intellectual property systems by establishing a mechanism to have regular exchanges of information and best practices and to jointly undertake cooperation activities;

Agree to the following Memorandum of Understanding ("Memorandum").

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Article 1

The Parties will expand and develop bilateral relations in the sphere of trademarks, patents, geographical indications and other IPR related topics.

Article 2

The cooperation of the Parties in the sphere of intellectual property shall cover the following:

- Mutual information exchange on important legislation changes in relation to the topics mentioned in Article 1 including changes in guidelines and practices
- Organization of common seminars, workshops and working meetings
- Other areas of cooperation upon Parties' agreement

Article 3

This Memorandum is not preventing the Parties to take part in bilateral and multilateral cooperation with other countries in the sphere of intellectual property.

Article 4

The Parties each undertake to bear its own costs and expenditures that it might incur in the course of implementing this Memorandum. No reimbursement should be claimed from the other unless expressly decided in writing beforehand.

Article 5

The China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) and the Danish Patent and Trademark Office will be in charge of the implementation of this Memorandum, hereinafter referred to as "Implementing Parties".

The Implementing Parties will set up a coordinating committee consisting of equal number of representatives, respectively from China and Denmark .

Members of the Committee can, by mutual agreement, invite relevant stakeholders from companies and organizations to participate in the meetings.

Committee meetings shall be held on annual basis. The meetings are held in alternate venues of the Parties. Additional meetings can be held as agreed between the Parties as necessary.

Within the framework of this Memorandum, the responsibilities of the Committee will be to:

- Review the present status of co-operative activities
- Discuss operational improvements
- Facilitate enhancement of cooperation within the framework of this Memorandum.

Article 6

This Memorandum shall enter into force on the date of signature by both Parties.

This Memorandum shall be valid for a period of five years from the date of signature.

The Parties may discontinue cooperation under this Memorandum at any time, but should endeavour to give at least 3 (three) months' prior written notice of discontinuation to the other Party.

For the avoidance of doubt, the written notice should be posted to the other Party at the following address or number:

National Intellectual Property Administration of P. R. China Address: No.6, Xituchenglu, Haidian District, Beijing, China Telephone Number: + 86-10-62083646 Email Address: Division3-INT@cnipa.gov.cn Danish Patent and Trademark Office

Address: Helgeshøj Allé 81, DK-2630 Taastrup, DENMARK

Telephone Number: + 45-4350-8000

Email Address: pvs@dkpto.dk

Article 7

Any revision to the content of this Memorandum is to be by mutual written consent of both Parties.

Any dispute and differences that may arise in the interpretation and implementation of or otherwise relating to this Memorandum are to be settled through amicable consultations and negotiations without resort to any courts of law.

This Memorandum is signed on the 19th November, 2021 in Beijing and Copenhagen respectively and is made out in two originals, each composed of a Chinese version and an English version, both being formal versions and of equal force.

For the National Intellectual PropertyFor the DanishPatent andAdministration of P. R. ChinaTrademark Office

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