

Expedited Examination Programs of IP Offices

Thailand

The Department of Intellectual Property of Thailand (DIP) launched the “Target Patent Fast-Track Program”, which was announced in a Notification on May 3, 2022 and made available to the public on June 1, 2022.

Objectives & Goals: To expedite the patent or petty patent registration process of all applications regarding medical science and public health inventions that contribute to public health solutions.

Grounds/Qualification: DIP will admit to the Target Fast-Track Program applications that relate to medical science and public health technology inventions that would be beneficial to the public and that are commercially viable. Any applicant can request admission to the Program.

Conditions & Fees: Requests for expedited examination carry no additional cost. DIP will consider a Target Fast-Track request, provided that the following criteria and conditions are met:

- (i) the request concerns a patent application that has been requested for substantive examination under Section 29 of the Patent Act B.E. 2522, or a petty patent application that has been filed for not less than three months;
- (ii) the application must be first filed in Thailand, or filed through DIP as a Receiving Office if it is an international application under the PCT;
- (iii) the application contains no more than 10 claims throughout the period of participation in the Program;
- (iv) the applicant submits the application through the e-filing system; and
- (v) all the required supporting documents for the application have been completely submitted.