

PRC Trademark Office going paperless for certificates of registration

The China National Intellectual Property Administration (“**CNIPA**”) 国家知识产权局 has just announced that only electronic Certificates of Registration will be issued beginning 1 January 2022 - https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2021/10/12/art_74_170694.html?bsh_bid=5642531119

The CNIPA does allow a transition period of 15 October – 31 December 2021 when paper Certificates of Registration will still be issued whilst at the same time, the registrant will be given an access code 提取码 for downloading its electronic Certificate of Registration via the designated website.

Then as from 1 January 2022, the CNIPA will no longer issue any paper Certificates of Registration but only send access codes 提取码 to registrants for downloading their electronic Certificates – the CNIPA is positively contributing to the green environment as well as speeding up its trademark registration process.

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