

# Country Report - Kyrgyzstan

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**The Importance of the State Patent Service of the Kyrgyz Republic  
(Kyrgyzpatent)  
in Promotion and Use of Intellectual Property  
in Activities of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises**

At present, as a result of intellectual activities of the mankind, the industry of an Intellectual Property (IP) is being developed worldwide as one of the most promising branch of production.

The governments of many countries have realized this fact and include the policy in the field of IP into a general strategy of the national development.

The creation of the IP system in the Kyrgyz Republic was based on the international experience with recommendations of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) taken into account.

During 15 years the State Patent Service of the Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzpatent) has been carrying out a united national policy in the field of legal protection of objects of industrial property, copyright and related rights and also, of non-traditional objects of IP. Kyrgyzpatent makes great efforts in formation of a necessary legislative base, which today includes 14 special-purpose national laws and also, regulations of Administrative, Criminal and Customs codes. The working practice of the agency results in a steady improvement of the legislation, simplification of a procedure for getting of a title of protection for IP objects and in provision of favourable conditions for creation, protection and introduction of IP objects through encouragement of physical and juridical persons who create and use IP.

IP is an important component for ensuring a commercial success for any enterprise wishing to retain a superiority in a specific field through creation of innovation products, search of modern and profitable ways of manufacturing of traditional products and building - up of a good reputation among buyers.

Owing to their mobility small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) have a higher level of innovation and quickness of introduction of new technologies as compared to large enterprises.

In the majority of countries throughout the world the number of SME amounts to more than 90% of the total number of enterprises. They are a driving force in introduction of a large number of innovations and make a large contribution into development of national economics through creation of working places, investments and export operations. However, very often the use by SME of potentialities for improvement of competitive abilities, proposed by the IP system, is extremely insufficient.

SME must be aware of the importance and practical accessibility of technical information, contained in more than 90% of granted patents which have already become a common property of the community. One may use inventions described therein without anybody's permission. As a rule, SME are not well

informed in this regard and do not apply to this unique source of information of a great commercial and technological value. The use of such information allows to analyze market tendencies, to master new markets, to avoid useless involvement of costs in development of new products.

Within the framework of the National Program “Intellect” for development of IP systems in Kyrgyzstan for the period from the year 2000 to the year 2010, Kyrgyzpatent contributes to creation and development of the national IP system, provides for development of scientific & technical and artistic creative work and of the market of IP objects, of innovation and investment cooperation and assists in entering a world market of intellectual products and in integration into the world intellectual space.

Being carried out are training and popularization in the field of IP, including seminars for businessmen, preparation of training aids and information.

Annual refresher courses are being organized by Kyrgyzpatent in the field of legal protection of IP objects.

In order to familiarize the population with issues concerning IP protection, employees of Kyrgyzpatent visit remote regions and organize one-day seminars on the most topical questions regarding IP protection.

Annually, on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April – the International and National IP Day- a scientific & practical conference “The Importance of IP System in Social and Economic Development of the Country” takes place.

Kyrgyzpatent organizes round-table discussions on “Protection of Rights in the Field of Industrial Property and Development of Innovation Activities”. Representatives of patent agencies of other countries are invited for participation in such round-table discussions, so that they could share their experience.

In order to inform juridical and physical persons of the necessity to protect IP, the Patent Agency publishes various information on IP system procedures, on getting and protection of IP rights, etc.

It should be mentioned, that the market of Kyrgyzstan is flooded with piratical audio-visual products. Kyrgyzpatent together with law bodies takes explanatory measures on inadmissibility of distribution of unlicensed products by private entrepreneurs.

An annual action “Away with Piracy!” is carried out with withdrawal and destruction of piratical products.

In order to render assistance to SME, collected abstracts of inventions and selection achievements, protected in Kyrgyzstan, are regularly published, “Catalogue and Summary on Innovation Projects” in particular.

A wide range of information services are rendered to interested persons. Thus, consultation and methodical services are rendered free of charge on patenting of new engineering solutions, containing objects of industrial property, within the framework of the State Fund of Intellectual Property, intended for encouragement of inventors and authors to do a creative work.

The Kyrgyz Republic has taken the path of independent economical development not long ago. Inventors of interesting innovation products not always have a financial capability for their patenting. In order to make easier the

process of patenting inventions by physical persons and by small and medium-sized enterprises, privileges are foreseen in Provisions on Fees for patenting of inventions, utility models and production pieces for physical persons and small and medium-sized enterprises.

A financial support is provided by the State IP Fund to inventors, authors and well-known cultural workers and scientists for patenting of their IP objects in order to encourage inventive and cultural work.

Owing to these measures SME are aware of the importance of IP protection. Kyrgyzstan is a country of rich water resources. One might say that mineral and table waters are a visiting card of Kyrgyzstan. Many businessmen have realized, that they may make large profits out of the water. Thus, “Shoro” company, one of the leading enterprises in this field, is active both in the inner and in the outer markets due to a successful strategy in protection of its IP.

Kyrgyzstan is interested in inventions, ideas and products which could be introduced into production in the national market with a considerable financial result.

Kyrgyzpatent is going to make further contributions into transformation of creative and innovation work into economic assets provided with IP, which will allow SME to become competitive.