

A U.S. Perspective on Global Strategy

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Track One: Still the One for Accelerating Patent Examination in the US?

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Speed is everything in the business world. The fastest company to market wins a competitive advantage. However, investors are often reluctant to back new products that do not have patent protection, and backlogs at the US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) can delay the grant of a patent by years.

To help inventors obtain patent protection more quickly, the 2011 America Invents Act (AIA) established a new expedited patent review program called Prioritized Examination, or "Track One."

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Putting the Pedal to the Metal at the EPO

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It should come as no surprise that the home of the *Bundesautobahn* has multiple mechanisms to speed up patent prosecution.

And since the average pendency of a European application is approximately four years[i], patentees will look to these mechanisms to aid their market entry and expansion strategy.

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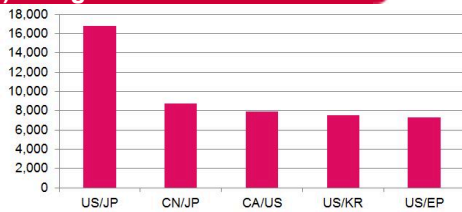
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The process of patenting an invention can be cumbersome, resulting in Applicants waiting several years before their patents are picked up for examination.

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Top 5 Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Filing Countries



■ Cumulative number of PPH requests through June 2016. Displayed as country for which accelerated prosecution is requested/country having positive examination result serving as basis for request.

*Data from <http://www.jpco.go.jp/pph-portal/statistics.htm>.

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