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## PRC – Pendency for Standard Trademark Prosecution Matters

*January 13, 2021*

Type of Matter	Timeframe for Completion
<b>Trademark Office</b>	
Official filing receipt for new application	1 month from application date (e-filings) 2 to 4 months (paper filings)
Notice of amendment	2 months from application date
Notice of refusal	4 to 6 months from application date
Publication of application	5 to 8 months from application date
Non-use cancellation decision	8 to 9 months from filing for standard cases*
Cancellation based on genericness	7 to 8 months from filing date
Opposition decision	13 months from opposition filing date
Change of name/address	1 to 2 months from application date
Change of agent	1 to 2 months from application date
Registration renewal	1 month from application date
Assignment	3 to 7 months from application date
Certified copy of registration certificate	2 months from application date
Notice to defend against opposition	5 to 6 months from the response filing date
Re-issuance of registration certificate	1 month from application date
Withdrawal of registration / application	2 months from application date
<b>Trademark Review and Adjudication Division (TRAD)</b>	
Application appeal decision	6 to 8 months from appeal filing date
Invalidation decision	11 to 12 months from filing date
Non-use cancellation appeal decision	9 to 11 months from appeal filing date
Evidence exchange notice for invalidation	7 months from response filing date

\* 12 months for cases where respondent is served by gazettal due to failure to serve notice by mail.