

Turkish Patent and Trademark Office Releases Statistics for 2016 Intellectual Property Activity

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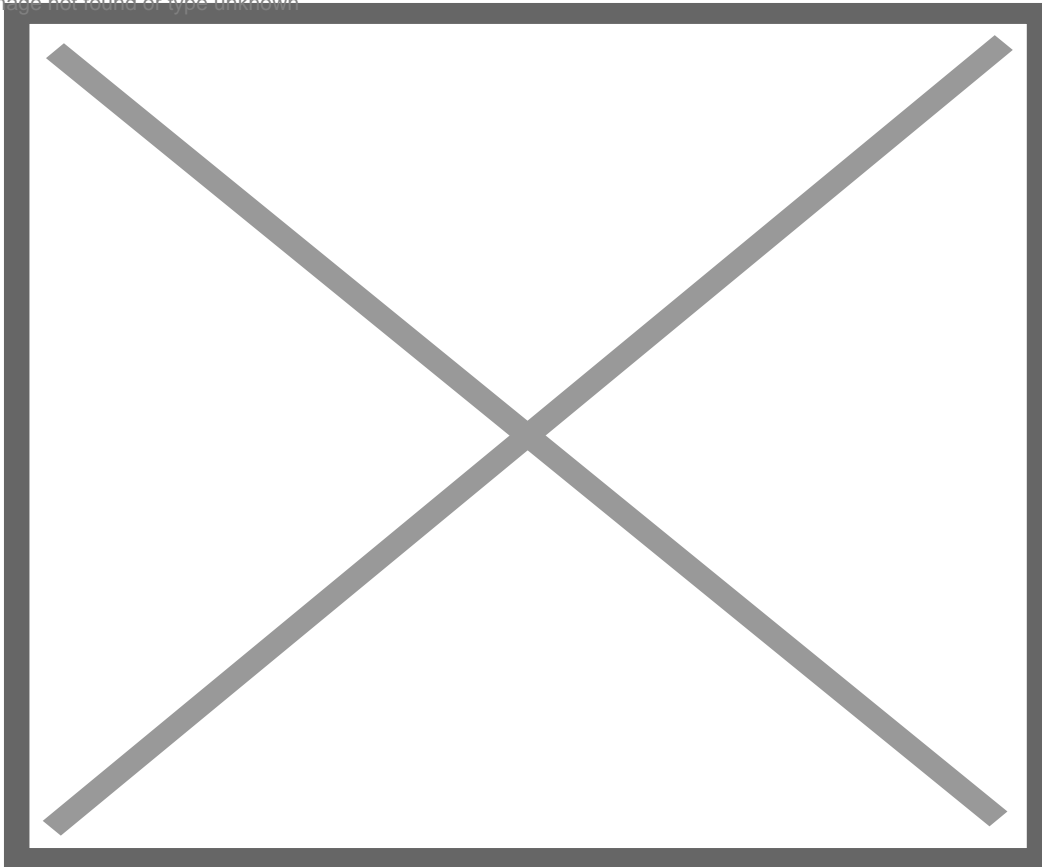
The Turkish Patent and Trademark Office ("**TPTO**") has released its annual report ("**Report**"), outlining 2016 statistics for patents, trademarks, industrial designs, utility models and geographical indications, as well as insight into the TPTO's administrative structure and financial status.

Notable among the Report's information is the TPTO's cooperation during preparation and enforcement process for the new Industrial Property Law, which was finalized in December 2016 and entering into effect on 10 January 2017 (more).

Another significant development in 2016 was the World Intellectual Property Organization appointing the TPTO as an International Patent Search and Examination Authority. On 6 October 2016, the TPTO became entitled to provide research and examination reports for the patent applications filed within the scope of the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

Noteworthy statistics from the Report include:

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