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ABOUT US

National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti is an independent, self-financing body, defining the intellectual property policy, established in the organizational legal form of a legal entity of public law

Main Activity:

- ensures accrual and enforcement of rights on intellectual property subject-matters:
 - ✓ grants legal protection on industrial property subject-matters: inventions, utility models, new varieties of plants and breeds of animals, trademarks, designs, geographical indications and appellations of origin;
 - ✓ ensures voluntary deposition of works protected by copyright;
- represents Georgia before international organizations functioning in the intellectual property field;
- supports development and perfection of the intellectual property protection system in the country:
 - ✓ prepares draft laws and other by-laws related to intellectual property;
 - ✓ promotes raising public awareness in the intellectual property field.

Registration Procedures of Intellectual Property Subject-matters:

- National procedure (standard and accelerated);
- International procedure.

Supporting Tools:

- Electronic platform of proceedings on intellectual property subject-matters “eFiling”;
- Online portal for filing and managing PCT

applications “ePCT”;

- International trademark application system “Madrid eFiling”;
- International design application system “eHague”;
- Online tool for international plant variety applications “UPOV PRISMA”;
- Intellectual Property Training Institutions Virtual Network “IPTIs”.

The following entities are functioning on the basis of the office:

- Chamber of Appeals – the body hearing disputes related to registration of industrial property subject-matters;
- Sakpatenti Training Centre;
- Public Service Centre;
- Publishing house of sectoral literature;
- Scientific library;
- Exhibition hall.

The following bodies are functioning at the office:

- Interagency Coordination Council for Intellectual Property Rights Enforcement;
- Non-profit (non-commercial) legal entity “oriGIn – Georgia”.

International Tools Assisting Examination:

- Search system of classification of goods and services (terms) “TMClass” (EUIPO);
- Search system of design classification (terms) “Design Class” (EUIPO);
- Search system of trademarks based on artificial intelligence “Trademark Vision”;
- Global database of trademarks “Global Brand Database” (WIPO);
- Madrid Office Portal “MOP” (WIPO);

- Trademark search system “TM View” (EUIPO);
- Design search system “Design View” (EUIPO);
- Tool for electronic exchange of trademark data between the International Bureau and Offices “MECA” (WIPO);
- Madrid Goods and Services Manager “MGS” (WIPO);
- Harmonized database of goods and services “HDB” (EUIPO);
- Patent search system “Patentscope” (WIPO);
- Patent search system “Espacenet” (EPO);
- Access to Specialized Patent information program “ASPI” (WIPO);
- Patent search system “PatBase”;
- Patent search system “Derwent Innovation”;
- Program for access to scientific literature – Access to Research for Development and Innovation program “ARDI” (WIPO);
- Patent search system “GPI” (EPO);
- Patent information system “CISPATENT” (Rospatent);
- Patent search system “EAPATIS” (EAPO);
- Rospatent patent search system;
- Centralized Access to Search and Examination “WIPO CASE” system (WIPO);
- Digital Access Service “WIPO DAS” system (WIPO);
- International plant variety search system “PLUTO” (UPOV).

Informational Support:

- Free consultation;
- Free access to the electronic database;
- Free service of preliminary patent search;
- Publication of the Official Bulletin of Industrial Property;
- Publication of the Official Bulletin for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants and Breeds of Animals;
- Free access to the library collections.

Legal Framework of activity:

- The Constitution of Georgia;
- The Patent Law of Georgia;
- The Trademark Law of Georgia;
- The Law of Georgia on Design;
- The Law of Georgia on Appellations of Origin of Goods and Geographical Indications;
- The Law of Georgia on Copyright and Related Rights;
- The Law of Georgia on New Breeds of Animals and Varieties of Plants;
- The Law of Georgia on Topographies of Integrated Circuits.

International and Bilateral Agreements:

- Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property;
- Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS);
- Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT);
- Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure;
- International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV Convention);
- The Hague Agreement Concerning the International Deposit of Industrial Designs;
- The Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs;
- Locarno Agreement Establishing an International Classification for Industrial Designs;
- Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks;
- Nice Agreement Concerning the International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks;
- Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of

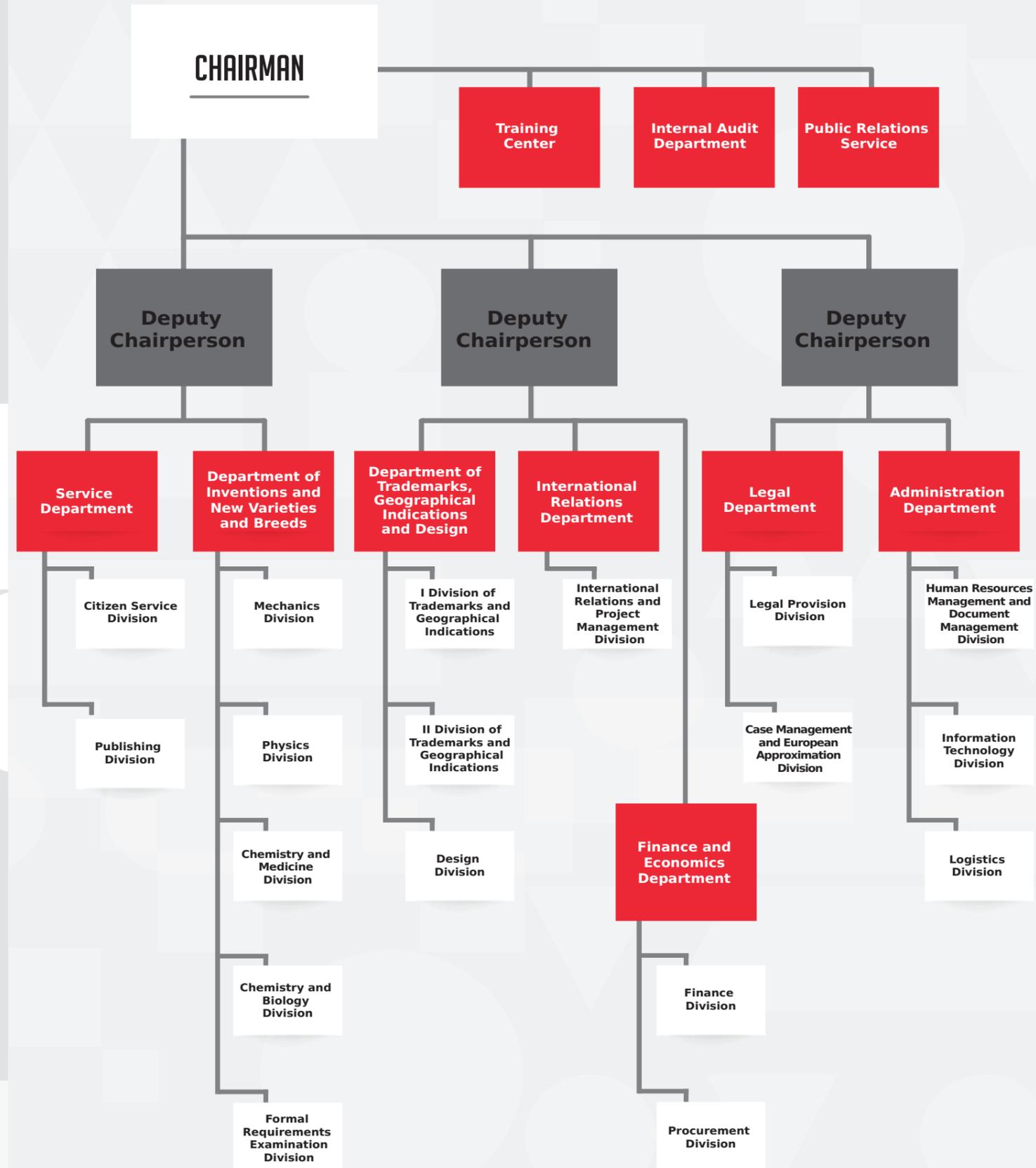
Appellations of Origin and their International Registration;

- Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works;
- Rome Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations;
- WIPO Copyright Treaty (WCT);
- WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty (WPPT);
- Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member

States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part;

- Agreement on the Mutual Recognition and Protection of Geographical Indications, Appellations of Origin and Indications of Source between the Swiss Confederation and Georgia;
- Agreement between Georgia and Ukraine on Mutual Legal Protection of Geographical Indications of Wines, Spirits and Mineral Waters;
- Strategic Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Georgia.

OFFICE STRUCTURE



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

One of the priority directions of the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti is development of international relations in the field of intellectual property, including extending cooperation with the IP offices of foreign countries. The best example of fruitful international cooperation and partnership is the electronic document management system – successful outcome of the project on electronic governance (e-Governance) implemented by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), which has ensured uninterrupted operation of the Sakpatenti in the distance mode during Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in 2020.

One of the functions of the International Relations Department at Sakpatenti is to explore, process and analyze international best practices and to initiate activities. In this direction, with the involvement of relevant structural entities of Sakpatenti, in 2020 the following activities were implemented:

- Meetings on the intellectual property sectoral strategy, development of the geographical indication system, support of Training Center at Sakpatenti and implementation of other global projects were held with Mr. Francis Gurry, Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Mr. Daren Tang, newly elected Director General of WIPO and Mr. Sherif Saadallah, Executive Director of the WIPO Academy. During the meetings, an agreement was reached concerning further support of WIPO in terms of educational activities, in particular, regarding translation and customization of one of the publications and WIPO Advanced Distance Learning Courses on Intellectual

Property Law in the Georgian language, ensuring additional training of trainers (TOT) for the trainers of the Training Centre and other supporting activities. Furthermore, in 2020 Sakpatenti representatives participated in the sessions of the WIPO Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR), the Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP), the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT), the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP) and the 61st series of meetings of the Assemblies of the WIPO Members States.

- A meeting took place with Mr. Christian Archambeau, Executive Director of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) on the ongoing EU-Georgia Intellectual Property Project (EUGIPP), which aims to strengthen the existing institutions in order to establish the effective system of intellectual property in Georgia, to approximate and harmonize legislation and practice. The implementation of the Project began in the reporting year. In 2020, within the Project Sakpatenti successfully completed adaptation/introduction of the common practice (CP) documents on trademarks and designs elaborated by the member offices of the European Union Intellectual Property Network (EUIPN) and became first non-EU member state IP Office that fully shared EU member states practice on trademark and design examination. In addition, within the Project, in the reporting year, work continued for integration into the harmonized database (HDB) – search tool for goods and services, as well as development of guidelines for

examination of design and trademark applications and activities to obtain ISO 9001:2015 certification by the office and HR Development of Sakpatenti. The Project also covers implementation of training programs on combating counterfeiting and piracy. In the reporting year preparatory work was carried out in this direction, as well as comparative analysis on trademark, design, copyright and enforcement issues and activities aimed at increasing efficiency and standardization of Sakpatenti Chamber of Appeals. Within the EUGIPP, the project on awareness raising activities was implemented for representatives of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), as well as relevant activities for capacity building of Sakpatenti Training Center and integration of intellectual property into school curricula, including organization of training courses.

- Work continued on the EU-funded Twinning Project on “Establishing Efficient Protection and Control System of Geographical Indications (GIs) in Georgia” (GE/16 ENI EC 0318), which aims to promote the development of geographical indications and appellations of origin system in Georgia and to harmonize it with the system of protection of geographical indications existing in EU. The Project objectives also include introduction of such administrative and institutional mechanisms that will promote improving competences and raising awareness in this field. During the reporting year, within the Project, trainings were delivered to different target groups, the amendments to various legal acts were elaborated, among these, work on drafting the amendments to the Law of Georgia on Appellations of Origin of Goods and Geographical Indications was finalized.
- In September, 2020, Work Plan 2020-21 was signed between THE European Patent Office (EPO) and Sakpatenti, which

aims implementation of the Validation Agreement concluded between the European Patent Office and Georgia in October, 2019, further improvement of the patent system in Georgia and approximation to the European standards. In the framework of cooperation, work was carried out for perfection of publishing of Georgian patents in the EPO search system “Espacenet”, participation of Georgian examiners in the trainings, seminars and conferences organized by EPO was planned, in addition, holding of joint events for the purposes of raising awareness in the field of invention were planned. It was also agreed to cooperate between the EPO Academy and Sakpatenti Training Center in order to organize joint training courses and seminars for various target groups. Within the agreement, negotiations took place regarding the EPO support to Sakpatenti in terms of the reforming of the patent attorneys qualification system.

- A meeting took place with Mr. Peter Wiebler, USAID/Georgia Mission Director. At the meeting agreements were achieved on the USAID support of Sakpatenti regarding the institutional development and elaboration of legislation in the intellectual property field, as well as regarding the assistance with the elaboration of the communication strategy. In the second half of 2020, with the USAID Economic Security Program, the Project started in the field of improvement of the Law of Georgia on Copyright and Related Rights and raising public awareness on online piracy. It aims to promote effective implementation of the intellectual property enforcement mechanisms, deepening a dialogue between the private and public sectors, sharing international experience and establishing contacts between stakeholders.
- The office participated in the Annual Meeting of the International Trademark

Association (INTA) that is an excellent platform to introduce intellectual property protection system of Georgia to the international society and to attract potential applicants. Every year, more than 9500 owners of worldwide renown various brands, leading law firms and international, regional and national offices related to the intellectual property join the event. New contacts were established and new companies were interested in the Georgian market.

- President of the “Tequila’s” Regulatory Council (CRT), President of the National “Tequila” Chamber and officials of the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property paid an official visit to Georgia and held the official meetings with their Georgian counterparts. The visit aimed to promote Tequila on the Georgian market as well as to facilitate the export of Georgian wine to the Mexican market.
- In the reporting year, delegation of the National Institute of Intellectual Property of the Republic of Kazakhstan, headed

by Director Mr. Yermek Kuantyrov, paid a working visit to Georgia. Within the visit, the parties discussed various issues of cooperation in the intellectual property field and outlined the future plans. The issue concerning the signing of the Agreement between Georgia and the Republic of Kazakhstan “On Mutual Recognition and Protection of Geographical Indications” was also discussed. After signing this agreement, based on the principle of reciprocity the Parties will recognize and ensure the legal protection of geographical indications according to the respective national legislations, consequently the probability of production of counterfeit goods marked with Georgian appellations of origin and their circulation on the Kazakhstan market will be reduced.

The Action Plan of the office with regard to the international relations contains implementation of ongoing initiated projects with international financing as well as elaborating new projects according to the strategy of the office.

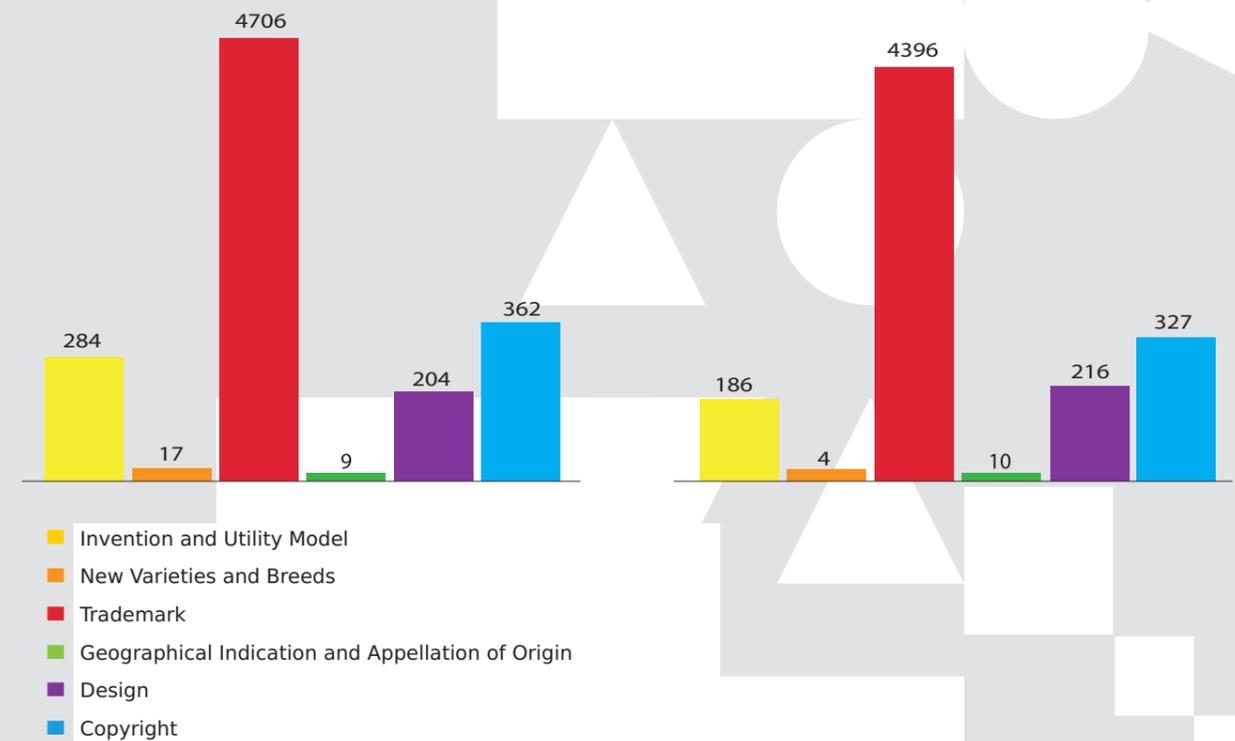
LEGAL PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY MATTERS

One of the main functions of Sakpatenti is granting protection on intellectual property subject-matters for natural persons and legal entities, which in the reporting year,

despite the COVID-19 pandemic, was conducted without interruption by relevant structural divisions.

NUMBER OF FILED APPLICATIONS

GRANTED PATENTS AND REGISTERED APPLICATIONS



NUMBER OF FILED APPLICATIONS 5623

NATIONAL PROCEDURE
2563 APPLICATION

ELECTRONIC FILING 82% 

FILING ON PAPER 18% 

INTERNATIONAL PROCEDURE
3060 APPLICATION

ELECTRONIC FILING 99.96% 

FILING ON PAPER 0.04% 

SUBJECT-MATTER

	FILED APPLICATIONS	GRANTED PATENTS AND REGISTERED APPLICATIONS
 INVENTION AND UTILITY MODEL	285	186
 NEW VARIETIES AND BREEDS	17	4
 TRADEMARK	4706	4396
 GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION AND APPELLATION OF ORIGIN	9	10
 DESIGN	204	216
 COPYRIGHT	362	327 <small>CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT</small>

 CONDUCTED PRELIMINARY SEARCH UP TO 600

 FREE CONSULTATIONS 11 081

CONSULTATION AT SERVICE CENTRE – 680 

TELEPHONE CONSULTATION – 10401 

 EVALUATION

92% OF 690 PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN THE CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY EVALUATED THE SERVICE WITH THE TOP SCORE (5 POINTS)

INVENTION, UTILITY MODEL, NEW PLANT VARIETIES AND ANIMAL BREEDS

In the Department of Invention and New Varieties and Breeds, which ensures for applicants acquisition of protection under the national and the international procedures in Georgia, in the reporting year, on the basis of more than 400 requests, preliminary patent search and examination was conducted, relevant documents were issued and entered in the Register of Industrial Property. As compared with the previous year, in 2020, the following tendencies were revealed:

- The majority of the local and foreign applications for inventions and utility models were filed in human necessities (Section A), in which 30 local applications were filed;
- The largest number of foreign applications for the protection of inventions was filed from the USA (44), Russia (22) and Germany (18);
- Of 127 preliminary patent searches, 106 searches were conducted for the projects of the Georgia's Innovation and Technology Agency (GITA);
- The number of applications for inventions increased by 9%;
- The number of local applications for inventions decreased by 7%;
- The number of applications for inventions filed on behalf of higher educational institutions and independent scientific research institutions was lower by 14%;
- The amount of applications for utility models decreased by 13%;
- The number of local applications for utility models decreased by 21%;
- The number of applications for obtaining protection on new plant varieties in-

creased by factor 3.4;

- 17 applications for new plant varieties were filed with Sakpatenti. Of these, there are applications for 12 blueberry, 1 hazelnut, 1 olive tree, 1 potato, 1 strawberry and 1 *Paulownia elongata* new varieties.
- In the reporting year, certificates confirming the breeder's rights were issued for 4 new plant varieties.

Within the competence of the Department of Invention and New Varieties and Breeds, which also covers elaboration of specific measures for development and perfection of the system of protection of the relevant subject-matters, in 2020, the following activities were carried out:

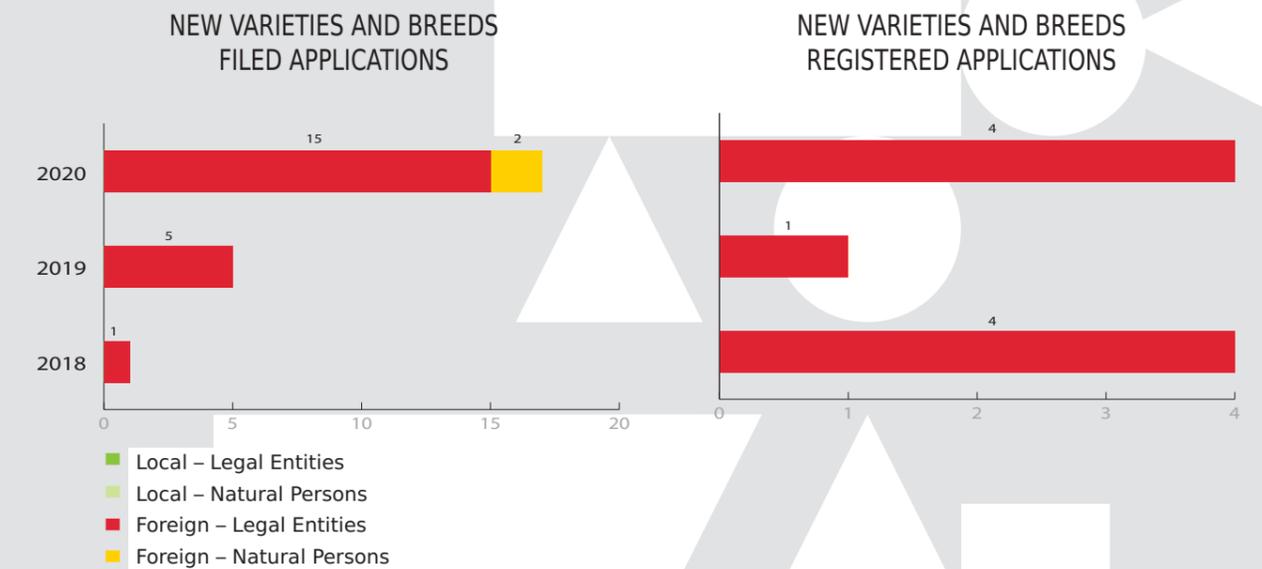
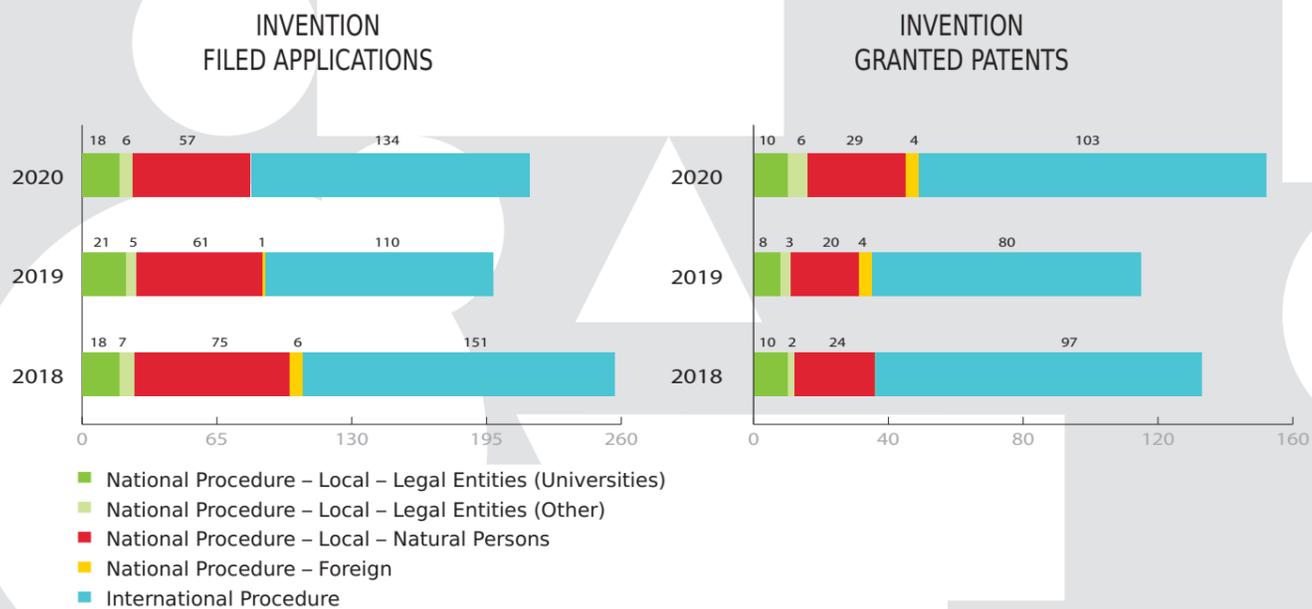
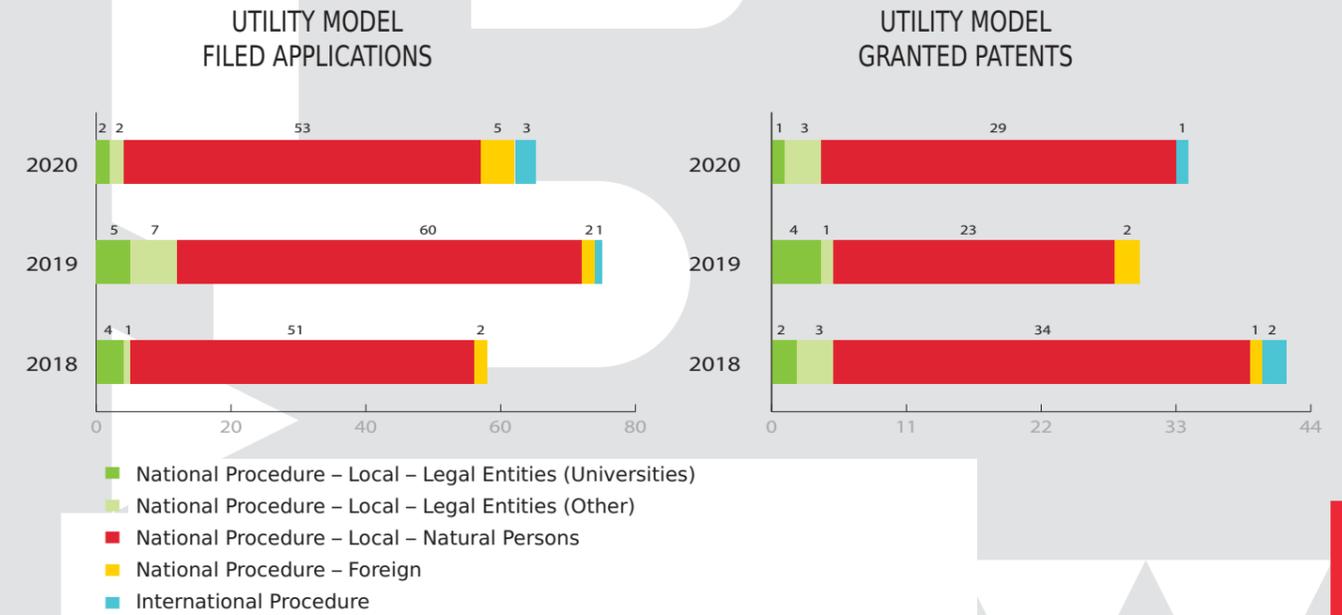
- Preparatory work to draft amendments to the Patent Law of Georgia, which is aimed at further harmonization of the patent legislation of Georgia with the European legislation, in accordance with the implementation of the Validation Agreement with the EPO;
- Preliminary work was conducted on draft amendments to be entered in the Law of Georgia on New Breeds of Animals and Varieties of Plants with the purpose of approximation of the new varieties and breeds protection system and examination quality to the international standards;
- To promote innovation activity, the Department employees were involved in the projects of Georgia's Innovation and Technology Agency (GITA): "Startup Matching Grants", "Innovation Matching Grants in amount of Gel 650000", "Tech-transfer Pilot Project" and "Mini Grants

Program”;

- To encourage young inventors, the staff members of the Department participated in the Competition of Young Inventors and Researchers “Leonardo da Vinci” (Rustaveli Foundation) and the “Millennium Innovation Award” (Millennium Foundation).

According to the Action Plan 2021, the priority direction of the Department of Invention and New Varieties and Breeds will be conducting activities necessary for implementation of the Validation Agreement with the EPO, in particular, the

activities envisaged under the Work Plan 2020-21 between European Patent Office and Sakpatenti, including perfection of procedures for publishing Georgian patents in the EPO search system (Espacenet) and for the purpose of capacity building of examiners, participation in the trainings, seminars and conferences organized by the EPO. In addition, the Department is also participating in the reforming of the patent attorneys qualification system, which will also be carried out with the support of the European Patent Office.



TRADEMARK, GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION AND DESIGN

In the Department of Trademarks, Geographical Indications and Designs, which ensures accrual of exclusive rights on the relevant subject-matters, namely, on the basis of examination of applications filed under the procedures related to local and international applications according to the rule established by the legislation, issuing relevant titles of protection and keeping the Register, in the reporting year, up to 5000 applications were processed. The analysis of the data with respect to these subject-matters has demonstrated the following tendencies:

- The number of applications filed electronically increased. The number of applications filed electronically reached 97% of the total number of the applications filed under the national procedure. For 85% of these applications, conducting of fully electronic proceedings was requested;
- The leading classes according to the number of local applications for trademarks are as follows: Class 33 – Alcoholic beverages (except beer) – (369), Class 35 – Advertising; business management; business administration; office functions (332), Class 5 – Pharmaceuticals (250), Class 43 – Services for providing food and drink; temporary accommodation (177) and Class 32 – Beers; non-alcoholic beverages; (120);
- Among the national trademark applications as well as international trademark applications, the leading classes of goods and services were Class 5 (Pharmaceuticals) – 968 applications, Class 35 (Advertising; business management; business administration; office functions) – 851 applications and Class 9 (computers and computer peripheral devices) – 691 ap-

plications;

- 36 applications were sent from Georgia to the International Bureau under the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks, 8 of these applications were filed using the Madrid electronic filing system “Madrid eFiling”, and 13 applications were sent requesting subsequent designation;
- According to the number of filed applications the following countries were leading: the Russian Federation (439), the People’s Republic of China (386), USA (360), the Federal Republic of Germany (246);
- Geographical indication “Ninotsmindis Tapli” was registered;
- In the reporting year, 4 appellations of origin for Georgian wines were registered: “Salkhinos Ojaleshi”, “Tsarapi”. “Akhmeta” (Akhmetis Mtsvane) and “Akhoebi”), thereby highlighting their specific and high reputation;
- Two applications of geographical indications were filed – “Qvevri” and “Kheta Tangerine” and one appellation of origin – “Kisi Magraani”;
- Upon the request of the LEPL “National Wine Agency”, in order to bring the production specifications of wines of protected appellations of origin in compliance with the European standards, amendments were made to the production specifications of wines. In particular, the physico-chemical characteristics were specified and the control body was determined for 16 registered appellations of origin: “Tsinandali”, “Napareuli”, “Gurjaani”, “Vazisubani”, “Manavi”, “Ateni”, “Sviri”, “Mukuzani”, “Kvareli”, “Teliani”,

- “Kindzmarauli”, “Akhasheni”, “Tvishi”, “Tibaani”, “Kardenakhi” and “Kakheti”;
- 40 applications were filed requesting the registration of the right to use various appellations of origin and geographical indications, of which 39 were registered;
- 58 applications for designs were filed with Sakpatenti under the national procedure, containing in total 176 designs, of these, 53 applications were filed electronically, which represents 91.4% of the total number;
- Proceedings were completed on all applications filed in 2019 and titles of protection were issued for 22 applications filed in 2020;
- The most demanded classes among the national applications field with Sakpatenti according to the International Classification were: Class 32 –Graphic symbols (15 applications), Class 9 – Packaging and containers for the transport or handling of goods (8 applications); Class 29 – Devices and equipment against fire hazards, for accident prevention and for rescue (7 applications); Class 19 – Stationery and office equipment, artists’ and teaching materials – (6 applications) and Class 11 – Articles of adornment (5 applications);
- According to number of international design applications the most active were again applicants from the Swiss Confederation (51 applications), the number of applications filed from Turkey also increased considerably (14 applications), 9 applications were filed by applicants from Italy, 9 – from Germany and 8 – from Great Britain.

In the reporting year, according to the Action Plan of the office, the Department worked on the elaboration and perfection of the procedures related to filing and registration of trademark, geographical indication and design applications, in order to bring them in line with the international standards. Namely:

- Work continued on draft amendments to the Trademark Instruction;
- Translation into the Georgian language of the additional list of the WIPO-administered program Madrid Goods and Services Manager (MGS) continued, which will simplify for applicants the procedure of trademark registration both in Georgia and member countries of the Madrid System;
- Within the EU-Georgia Intellectual Property Project (EUGIPP), Sakpatenti shared three Common Practice Documents of trademarks (CP) –Distinctiveness – figurative marks containing descriptive/non-distinctive words (CP3); Scope of protection of black and white marks (CP4) and likelihood of confusion (impact of non-distinctive/weak components) relative grounds of refusal (CP5), which were translated and became available to the public in the Georgian language;
- Up to 60 000 goods and services terms were translated into the Georgian language in TMClass, the trademark search tool of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO);
- Process of perfection and improvement of the electronic system of filing and examination of applications continued;
- By means of the WIPO tool MECA, in Sakpatenti database, automatic reflection of the international applications began in which Georgia is indicated as the country of extension;
- Work was completed on draft amendments to the Instruction on the Design Registration, in order to bring it in line with the modern requirements and to elaborate the examination procedure;
- Draft Instruction on Design Registration has been finalized, which is intended to enhance and align design registration proceedings with modern requirements;
- To ensure perfection of the design protection system and to harmonize it with the European Union legislation and practice, within the EU-Georgia Intellectual Property Project (EUGIPP), the Practice Document (CP6) “Graphic Representation of Designs” was translated and published in the Georgian and the English languages.

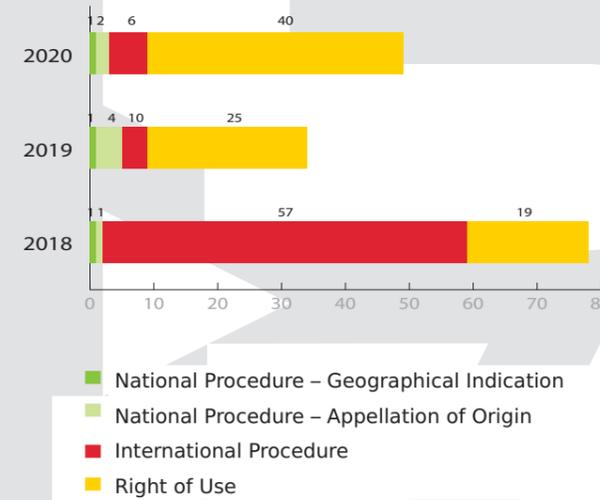
The Practice Document is intended for applicants, examiners and other interested parties;

- Sakpatenti worked actively with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), including development of a unified concept for protection of designs related to new technologies, such as Graphical User Interface for electronic devices, font, pictogram, animation design, etc.

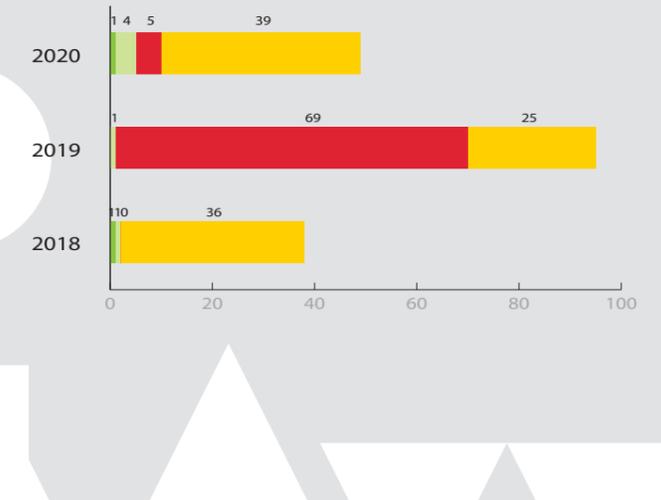
In parallel with implementation of the activities defined by the Action Plan, in the next year 2021, work will continue to ensure capacity building of examiners and further elaboration of the examination process. In particular, for the purpose of further development of the system of protection of geographical indications

and appellations of origin, in the next year, activities will continue to promote their protection and enforcement of rights abroad, cooperation will continue with the non-profit (non-commercial) legal entity "oriGIn – Georgia" in terms of identification of new geographical indications as well as improvement and perfection of specifications of the protected subject-matters. The Action Plan for the next year covers introducing into practice the amendments of the Instruction on the Design Registration, entering amendments to the Law of Georgia on Design, including active work in the direction of introducing WIPO and EUIPO tools. In addition, drafting and implementation of normative acts as well as practice documents and guidelines are also planned.

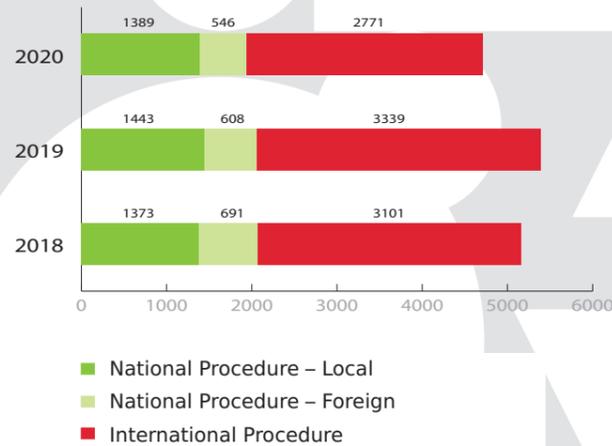
GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION FILED APPLICATIONS



GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION REGISTERED APPLICATIONS



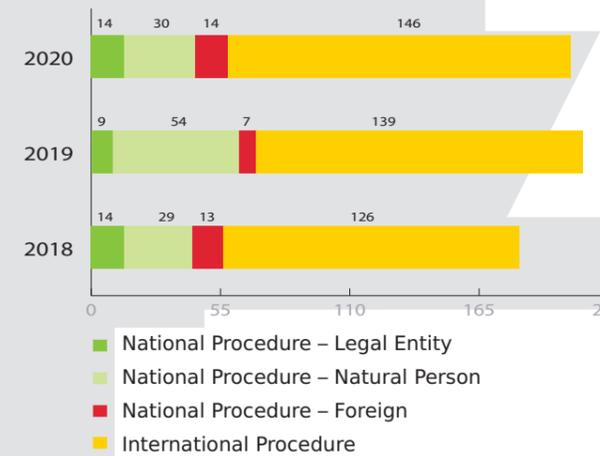
TRADEMARK FILED APPLICATIONS



TRADEMARK REGISTERED APPLICATIONS



DESIGN FILED APPLICATIONS



DESIGN REGISTERED APPLICATIONS



COPYRIGHT

National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti upon the request of an author or other holder of copyright carries out the deposition of a work. In 2020, 327 certificates of the deposit were issued, which only certifies the fact of the deposit, whereas the person indicated in the certificate is deemed as

the author of the work and the owner of the copyright. It is noteworthy that along with the development of technologies, the transformation of activity of the majority of the public in the digital area due to the (COVID-19) pandemic in 2020, made the issue of copyright protection on digital platforms especially urgent.

Object	Category	2018	2019	2020
1	2	3	4	5
Literary Work	Description	1		8
	Adapted Work		1	1
	Dramatic Work		1	
	Translation	7	1	2
	Collection	1	1	3
	Literary Work	29	35	39
	Monograph	2		
	Synopsis	2	3	3
	Scenario	36	28	22
	Compiled Work	3		4
	Book	4	4	10
	Computer Program	47	11	16
	Methodological Work	19	15	25
Scientific Work	Monograph			
	Map		1	
	Scientific Work	30	31	48
	Scientific Article	2	3	4
	Scientific-Methodological Work	11	24	32
	Textbook	9	15	10
	Other		1	1
	Compiled work	3	10	3
	Town-planning			
	Book	1		
Database		1	1	

1	2	3	4	5
Artistic Work	Architectural Project	18	3	4
	Audio-Visual Work	7	8	1
	Graphics		1	2
	Decorative-Applied Art	12	2	2
	Design	25	17	10
	Dramatic Work	2		1
	Sketch	1	2	1
	Video Commercial			
	Theatrical-Decorative Art			
	Illustration		1	6
	Film			4
	Logo	9	5	4
	Monumental Art		1	6
	Musical Work	8	4	8
	Musical Work with Words		9	25
	Musico-Dramatic Work	1		1
	Musical Work with Words	22		
	Garden and Park Art			
	Work of Fine Arts	8	9	9
	Painting		14	
Photography	4	8	6	
Sculpture	4	2	3	
Compiled work	1			

LAWMAKING AND LITIGATION

National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti carried out its activity according to the Constitution of Georgia, the legislation of Georgia regulating the intellectual property field, international treaties and agreements, which is in full compliance with the international standards and is harmonized with the European Union legislation. However, one of the main directions of Sakpatenti is further improvement of the legislation and bringing it in line with the EU acquis and international legislation according to modern tendencies. In the reporting year, taking into consideration the European Union and other international legislative and practical experience in the Legal Department of Sakpatenti draft amendments were prepared to the following by-laws:

- Statute of the Chamber of Appeals Functioning at Sakpatenti;
- Instruction on Design Registration;
- Instruction on Procedures Related with Drafting and Filing Applications for Inventions and Utility Models and Granting a Patent;
- Instruction on Procedures Related with Filing a Trademark Application and Registration.

In 2020 following Resolutions of the Government prepared by Sakpatenti entered into force:

- The Resolution of the Government “On the Rule of Granting Compulsory Licenses for the Use of a Patented Invention and Utility Model and on the Definition of the Composition of the Standing Council Taking Decisions on Granting Compulsory Licenses”, which defined the composition of the Council granting compulsory licenses, the grounds for granting compulsory licenses, their scope and terms of use. The Rule of Granting Compulsory Licenses for the Use of a Patented Inven-

tion and Utility Model and Terms of Use were also approved.

- In accordance with the Resolution of the Government of Georgia №723 of December 3, 2020, on Making Amendments to the Resolution №182 of the Government of Georgia of July 3, 2010 “On Approval of Fees for the Service-Related to Patenting, Registration and Deposition of Intellectual Property Subject-Matters”, within the scope of additional measures offered by the Government of Georgia to support the business during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, amendments were implemented regarding the fees related with the patenting, registration and deposition of intellectual property subject-matters. Namely, the Intellectual Property Office introduced a 50% reduction in the fees for trademark registration in case of electronic filing of applications. As the period of validity of this reduction was defined six months – from December 7, 2020, to June 6, 2021/
- By the Resolution №155 of the Government of Georgia of March 10, 2020, “On Making Amendments to the Resolution of the Government of Georgia №181 of July 3, 2010 “On Approval of the Statute on the Legal Entity of Public Law – National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti, amendments were made to the Statute on Sakpatenti, which defined anew the structure of Sakpatenti.

The Chamber of Appeals, which is established at Sakpatenti as a dispute resolution authority hearing disputes as a panel of three members related to Sakpatenti decisions on industrial property subject-matters, continued uninterrupted operation despite the (COVID-19) pandemic existing in the world in 2020. The activity of the Chamber of Appeals fully transferred to the remote mode, its

meetings and hearing of disputes took place remotely, the process of receiving appeals was uninterrupted and proceedings were carried out within the terms provided by the law. The statistics for 2020 and the tendencies identified on its basis are the following:

- 152 appeals were filed with the Chamber of Appeals, the majority of which (148) were related to decisions of examination concerning trademarks;
- As compared with the previous year, the number of appeals decreased by approximately 13.6%;
- The number of disputes heard during

the reporting year was 148, of which 47 were upheld fully, 9 – partially, and 79 were rejected.

- 32 claims were filed against the office with respect to the decisions of Sakpatenti examination and the Chamber of Appeals, on which court proceedings are underway.

According to the Action Plan of 2021, the Legal Department will continue lawmaking activity for further elaboration and perfection of the Instructions related to the intellectual property subject-matters, as well as for drafting the Rule on the Procedures of Deposition of Works.

IP Matter		2018					2019					2020				
		Filed	Heard	Upheld fully	Upheld partially	Rejected	Filed	Heard	Upheld fully	Upheld partially	Rejected	Filed	Heard	Upheld fully	Upheld partially	Rejected
Invention	Applicant										2	1				
	Third Party															
Utility Model	Applicant										1					
	Third Party															
Design	Applicant															
	Third Party	1	2	1		1				1	1	1				
Trademark	Applicant	161	145	43	14	88	147	64	14	70	88	122	127	43	7	68
	Third Party	21	11	2		9	33	7	6	11	9	26	19	4	2	11
Total		183	158	46	14	98	180	71	20	81	98	152	148	47	9	79

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Intellectual Property Training Center of the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti aims at the dissemination of knowledge in the intellectual property field. This division identifies directions of training for various target groups, defines the study curriculum and organizes the training process. Its functions include training needs analysis, development of training methodology, introducing modern technologies and ensuring their compliance with the international standards.

In 2020, the legal framework of the Center’s activities was revised and the following priority objectives were determined:

- The formation of a pool of trainers and improving their professional qualifications;
- implementation of training activities tailored to the needs of target groups, including the office staff;
- developing new training programs.

The following international training projects were implemented in 2020:

- intensive 2-month training to develop the skills required for e-learning within the framework of the Training of Trainers (TOT) program;
- In the framework of the Professional Development Program (PDP) of the WIPO Academy, an international training course on Geographical Indications was held, with 30 representatives from 17 countries participating remotely. The participants were introduced to the mechanisms of the legal protection of geographical indications, various legal systems, international practices, and the experience of Georgia. The course was

led by Sakpatenti Training Center Trainers and international experts;

- In cooperation with the WIPO Academy, two sessions of the distance learning General Course on Intellectual Property (DL101GE), translated into the Georgian language and customized in accordance with the legislation of Georgia, were held. The sessions were notable for the high number of registered and certified persons: for the 5th session, 256 participants were registered, and 117 participants successfully passed the final exam. 594 participants were registered for the 6th session, and 319 participants successfully passed the final exam. In total, 850 people registered for both sessions of the General Course on Intellectual Property in 2020. 436 graduates completed the course and were awarded an international certificate.

It is noteworthy that Sakpatenti Training Center became a member of the WIPO-administered platform “IP Virtual Network”. Moreover, based on the identified needs and with the assistance of international partners, various training activities were planned and implemented, such as:

- As part of the “IP in Education” component of the EU-Georgia Intellectual Property Project (EUGIPP), 12 teachers from six public schools in Tbilisi, Rustavi and Gori received specialized training on how to teach the concepts of creativity and intellectual property. The teachers then held 260 lessons for a total of 400 pupils. The goal of the project was to integrate Intellectual Property into the primary and secondary education systems, encouraging pupils to develop creativity and inventive skills.

The following training activities were organized for various target groups aiming at raising intellectual property awareness:

- A webinar on “Intellectual Property in Entrepreneurial Activity” for Pankisi Valley students as part of the “Junior Achievement Georgia” program “Be an entrepreneur.” As a result of the activity, 30 students learned about the role of intellectual property and its protection mechanisms in business;
- Training on “The Importance of Geographical Indications” for members of Ninotsminda honey (“Ninotsmindis Tapli”) producers associations, beekeepers and other stakeholders. 20 participants learned about the importance of geographical indications in business and how to develop a strategy for the development of protected geographical indications;
- An online training session on “Copyright” for 25 employees of Tbilisi State University National Scientific Library. The participants were made aware of their obligations when using copyrighted works;
- As part of the EU4YOUTH project “Development of social entrepreneurship ecosystems for green growth in border municipalities”, a webinar on “How to Turn an Idea into an Innovation” for pupils from Gori and Ninotsminda schools;
- A webinar “Intellectual Property and Innovation” for 60 participants of the Social Innovation Program;
- The Intellectual Property Summer Law School, co-organized with the European Law Students’ Association (ELSA Georgia), for 30 students from various countries of the world;
- 10 graduates from Tbilisi State University Faculty of Law were trained in intellectual property teaching methodology as part of the four-month program;

- To ensure continuous professional development of Sakpatenti staff members, based on the Training Needs Analysis, 14 training sessions were planned and implemented:
 - ✓ A series of webinars on “Trademarks related dispute resolution”, “Patent related disputes” and Trade secret” for professional development of employees were organized and led by the Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) experts and judges;
 - ✓ The “General Management” training for employees in managerial positions to facilitate their professional development and ensure effective management of the organization in the remote mode in the face of the current pandemic;
 - ✓ A training course on “Service Standards” for the professional development and effective customer service skills of the Service Division front-office staff;
 - ✓ Training on “Personal Data Protection”, held in collaboration with the State Inspector’s Service, for Sakpatenti staff.

To introduce new programs into the Training Center’s catalogue, the process of translation of the EUIPO Academy certification distance learning course into the Georgian language, in cooperation with the international partners, began. The courses included topics such as: “Intellectual Property as Business Value”; “Experience of Small or Medium-sized Enterprise”; “The custom role in IP Enforcement”; “Business Models Infringing IPR Online”; “The role of Free Trade Zones in counterfeit trade”; and “IP Seminar on Enforcement”.

The Action Plan of the Training Center for the next year covers intensification of work for integration of intellectual property components into informal education, as well as at schools and the university level. Among these, negotiations with the WIPO Academy on the establishment of an Intellectual Property Master program will continue. The Training Center plans to

strengthen collaboration with universities to incorporate intellectual property teaching elements into the STEM subject curriculum and develop projects for students. It is also planned to identify needs and organize educational activities tailored to the needs of judges and entrepreneurs in various regions of Georgia.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Public Relations is one of the major directions of the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti, which aims to promote the field, increase the awareness and trust towards the office.

In 2020, the Public Relations Service, was entrusted with the task of providing information support to the office in the face of new challenges caused by the pandemic. Accordingly, in the reporting year, the Public Relations Service carried out the following activities:

- The elimination of delays in the provision of services or other functions of the office largely depended on the applicants' awareness. Accordingly, by means of the traditional or new media channels (Internet, official website, social media accounts, e-mail) the comprehensive information was provided to the public in due time regarding the modes of operation of the office and ways of remote access to services.
- In support of educational activities, an image campaign was planned for the Training Center and several measures were implemented for the popularization of individual training courses. The objective of the campaign was to provoke interest of the target groups – small and medium enterprises (SME's), startups, inventors, representatives of the creative industry, journalists, lawyers, representatives of public service and the academic circles – in the Training Center's program. As a result of these activities, in 2020 the number of appeals to the Training Center increased and up to 1000 people were registered for specific courses.
- Traditionally, the office was involved in the annual campaign to celebrate the

World Intellectual Property Day – April 26 – established by the World Intellectual Property Organization to raise public awareness of intellectual property rights. In 2020, WIPO named “Innovate for a Green Future” as the theme of the year. According to the theme, the Public Relations Service used a social media platform and relevant tools in order to stimulate interest in the field, although taking into account the pandemic restrictions. Relevant Georgian patents and registered trademarks related to ecology and created for a green future were retrieved. 16 informational materials (posts and posters) were created, that reached 462120 users of social media.

- In the reporting year, the office traditionally joined the World Book and Copyright Day – April 23, established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and celebrated online in 2020. Sakpatenti supported the events organized by the Georgian Publishers and Booksellers Association and disseminated information through online channels concerning the online streaming with Georgian writers and representatives of the literary field including an online game “Bookshelf”.
- For the effective protection of geographical indications system, the Public Relations Service, developed several promotional campaigns and events aimed to inform the public about the new geographical indications, which also helped the manufacturers to promote their products.
- For the encouragement of business sector, Public Relations Service initiated a project introducing a 50% reduction on

fees for trademark registration, intended to motivate private sector during the pandemic period. The 50% reduction on fees started on December 7, 2020.

- In 2020, number of activities were planned and carried out by Sakpatenti for the registration of Tequila as a collective mark, for the promotion of Tequila to the Georgian market, and facilitation of export of Georgian wine to the Mexican

market: A handover ceremony of the certificate of registration of “Tequila” as a collective mark took place at Sakpatenti office; media coverage of the event and a television interview with the, President of the Tequila Regulatory Council (CRT), Mr. Miguel Angel Domínguez Morales was transmitted; an exhibition and wine tasting of Georgian appellations of origin were held for the members of the delegation.

PUBLISHING AND INFORMATION ACTIVITY

One of the functions of the office is ensuring access to patent information – recognized as the basis of innovative activities in the intellectual property field, which lies in the formation, processing and dissemination of this information. In order to fulfill this function, in 2020 the Publishing Division of the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia Sakpatenti carried out the following activities:

- 24 Georgian-language and 24 English-language issues of the Official Bulletin of Industrial Property were published. The Bulletins contain information on the industrial property subject-matters, including the application data, the favourable decisions of examination and the list of all the subject-matters for which titles of protection are issued, as well as notifications concerning annulment, revocation, transfer of rights and other changes;
- 2 issues of the Special Edition of the Official Bulletin of Industrial Property was published: Geographical Indications of Agricultural Products and Other Foodstuffs Protected in the European Union and Materials of Registration of Georgian Traditional Wine Vessel “Kvevri” as a Geographical Indication;
- 2 issues of the Official Bulletins for the Protection of New Plant Varieties and Animal Breeds were published;
- Specifications and abstracts of local and international applications for inventions and utility models were edited and translated; 186 specifications of inventions and utility models to be issued with patents were prepared;
- 21 information brochures on intellectual property subject-matters and international conventions were published, as well as

WIPO and EPO publications;

- Practice documents: CP3, CP4, CP5 and CP6 were published;
- The “Quality Management Manual” was published, etc.

These materials on paper were added to the Intellectual Property Library of the office, which maintains a constantly updated collection of local and foreign patent information and up to 1200 titles of specialist literature. It should be noted that the library services are available free of charge to all interested parties.

In order to provide access to patent information, interested persons can access the electronic versions of patent materials on the official website of the office (www.sakpatenti.gov.ge). In 2020, publishing of legal materials, including the decisions of the Chamber of Appeals and other important information continued promptly on Sakpatenti website.

To improve the databases, in 2020 the Information Technology Division, with the assistance of international partners, carried out the work for integration with international databases and adding new tools. In the reporting year, the cooperation and automatic generation of information with international databases continued uninterrupted, in particular:

- WIPO’s patent search system “Patent-scope”, which includes international patent applications (PCT applications) and national patent applications and patents from many countries;
- WIPO-administered search systems:
 - ✓ Trademark database “Global Brand Database”, which contains information on trademarks registered by 55

countries of the Madrid System and trademarks submitted for registration;

- ✓ Design Database “Global Design Database”, which contains information on designs registered under the Hague Madrid system and designs registered by the contracting parties of the Hague Agreement;
- The European Patent Office (EPO) patent search system Espacenet”, which contains 120 million patent documents from more than 100 countries;
- Search systems administered by the EUIPO:
 - ✓ Trademark visual search system “TMView”;
 - ✓ Design visual search system “DesignView”;
 - ✓ Search system of classification of goods and services (terms) “TMClass”;
 - ✓ Search system of classification of design product titles “DesignClass” (EUIPO);
- The UPOV International Plant Variety Database “PLUTO”, in which information on registered new plant varieties is published;
- The regional patent-information system “CISPATENT”, administered by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property of Russia.

In 2020, the Information Technology Division developed a number of software solutions, which improved the search process for users, developed search results filtering, the database security software, users were enabled to find old cases on the portal, and the visual and informational side was simplified. Providing to the intellectual property system users and applicants high-quality, qualified

and timely services, corresponding to international standards, again remains the main priority of Sakpatenti. To ensure the above-mentioned, the following measures were implemented:

- With the participation of an invited expert and the staff members of the Public Service Division of the Service Department developed and prepared for approval the Service Standard Document, which aims to define general rules of conduct and communication, observance of which will help the staff responsible for services to provide higher-quality services on behalf of Sakpatenti and increase further the positive experience of the service;
- Despite working partially in remote mode, to prevent the spread of the new coronavirus (COVID-19), in 2020, 680 users were consulted in the Public Reception Area and 10401 potential applicants were consulted by telephone;
- In 2020, the Public Service Division of the Service Department processed 516 applications for inventions, utility models, designs, trademarks and geographical indications, new plant varieties and animal breeds, and deposit of copyrighted works, and 49 appeals. In the reporting period, the Filing Group of the Public Service Division also processed additional materials and documentation related to 21199 applications and appeals.

690 individuals participated in the customer satisfaction survey, most of whom gave the telephone service the top rating. The results of the survey are as follows: Top score (5 points) – 632 persons; Good (4 points) – 32 persons; miscellaneous – 26 persons.

FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Sakpatenti is financed by revenues from services related to the patenting, registration and deposit of intellectual property subject-matters, thus providing the office with financing for all costs, including operational costs. Sakpatenti has no funding from the state budget of Georgia.

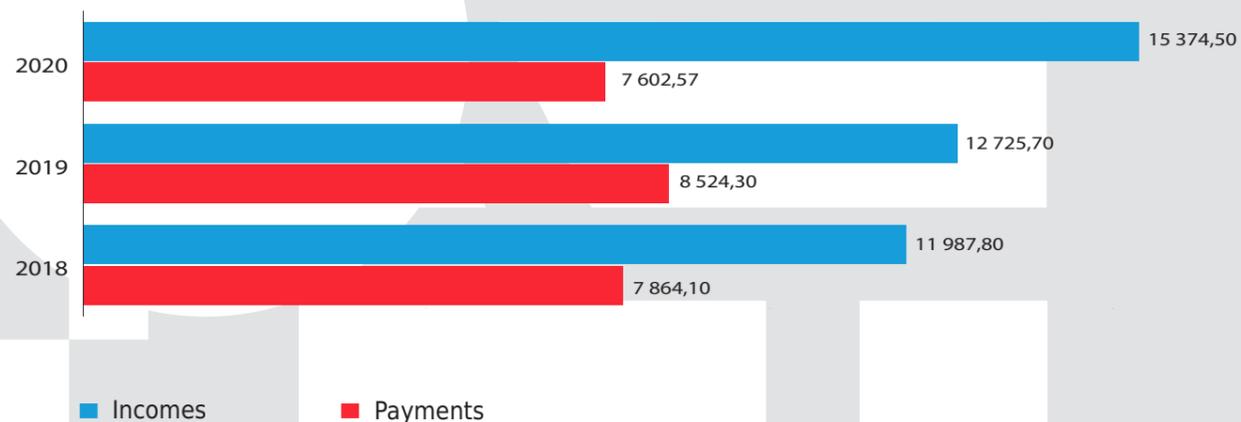
Cash income, as compared to the previous year, increased by GEL 2,648.8 thousand GEL, which is largely due to income received from non-resident natural persons and legal entities in foreign currency. It should be noted that most of the revenues are received by the office in foreign currency, in particular, in the Swiss franc, which is related to the extension of international trademark registration to Georgia. As regards services provided to resident natural persons and legal entities, the fees are set in US dollars

(equivalent in national currency).

Fees for services related with patenting, registration and deposition of intellectual property subject-matters are approved by the Government of Georgia (Resolution № 182 of July 3, 2010).

In accordance with the state procurement legislation, by 2020, 145 simplified procurement contracts were signed with a total value of 469.1 thousand GEL. 10 contracts were concluded through electronic tender procedures, with a total value of 473.4 thousand GEL. 21 contracts were concluded through consolidated procurement procedures, with a total value of 181.0 thousand GEL. The savings made over the reporting year reached GEL 18.3 thousand GEL, which was due to the results of trade received during the electronic tenders.

Dynamics of Incomes and Payments



Budget Incomes (Cash Figures)
Thousand GEL

Title	Specified Plan	Received Income	Result +/-
Incomes from services rendered to non-resident natural persons and legal entities	9,000.0	11,332.0	2,332.0
Incomes from services rendered to resident natural persons and legal entities	4,000.0	4,042.5	42.5
Sum Total of Incomes	13,000.0	15,374.5	2,374.5

Budget Payments (Cash Figures)
Thousand GEL

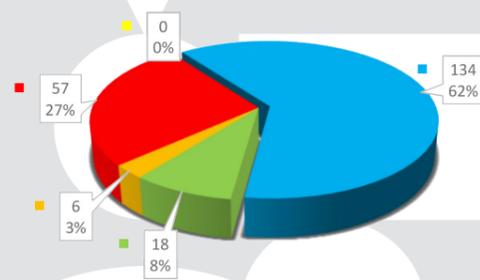
Title	Specified Plan	Payments Own Incomes	Result +/-
Payment for work	4,373.2	3,578.3	-794.9
Acting Head Salary	3,936.8	3,498.6	-438.2
Acting Head Bonus	336.4	6.7	-329.7
Acting Head Allowance	100.0	72.9	-27.1
Goods and Services	2,396.5	1,609.7	-786.8
Grants	216.1	216.1	0.0
Social welfare	210.0	62.5	-147.5
Other expenses	2,745.0	1,908.8	-836.2
Payments according to the legislation	2,700.0	1,771.6	-928.4
Increase of non-financial assets	540.0	227.2	-312.8
Sum Total of Payments	10,480.8	7,602.6	-2,878.2

STATISTICS 2020

INVENTION

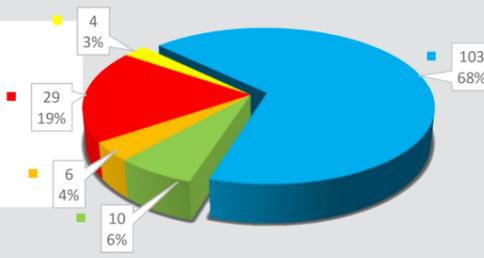
According to Procedure and Applicant Status				Filed Applications			Registered Patents		
				2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
National Procedure	Local	Legal Entity	18	21	18	10	8	10	
		Universities Other	7	5	6	2	3	6	
	Natural Person		75	61	57	24	20	29	
	Foreign		6	1	0	0	4	4	
	International Procedure			151	110	134	97	80	103
Total				257	198	215	133	115	152

Filed Applications in 2020



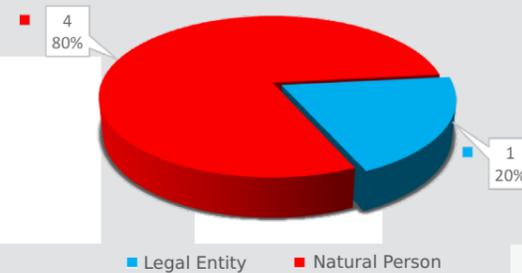
- National Procedure – Legal Entity – Universities
- National Procedure – Legal Entity – Other
- National Procedure – Natural Person
- National Procedure – Foreign
- International Procedure

Registered Patents in 2020



PCT Applications/ Sakpatenti - Receiving Office	Filed Applications		
	2018	2019	2020
Legal Entity	0	0	1
Natural Person	5	4	4
Total	5	4	5

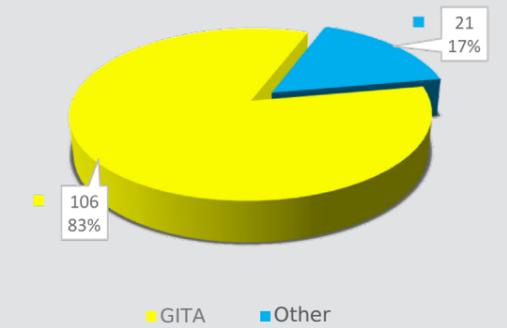
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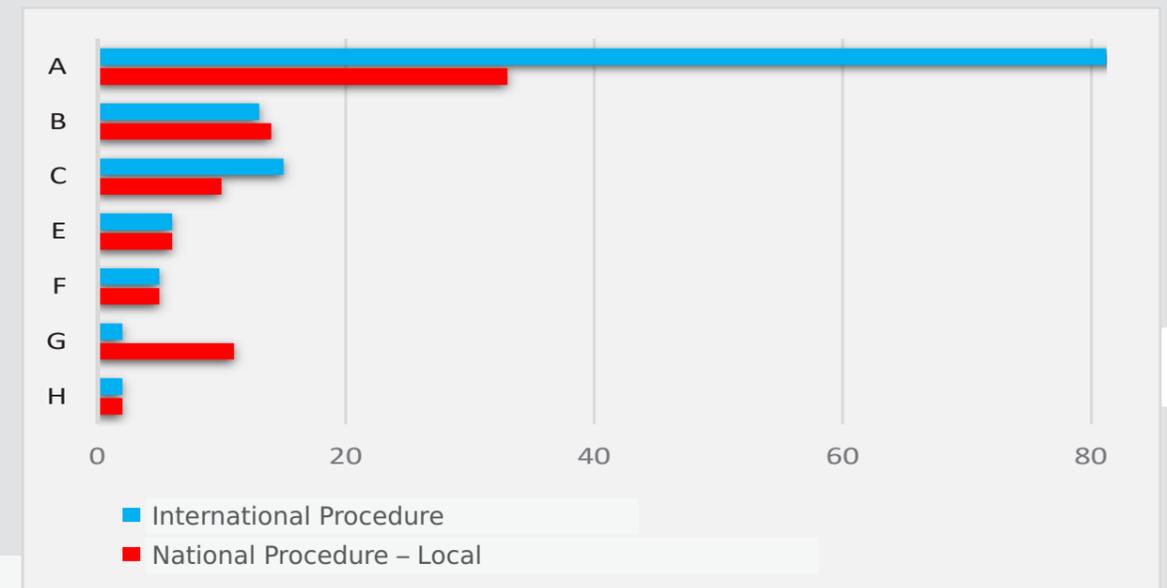
- Legal Entity
- Natural Person

Preliminary Search	Filed Applications		
	2018	2019	2020
GITA	148	119	106
RUSTAVELI FUND	150	0	0
OTHER	24	24	21
TOTAL	322	143	127

Number of Conducted Preliminary Search in 2020

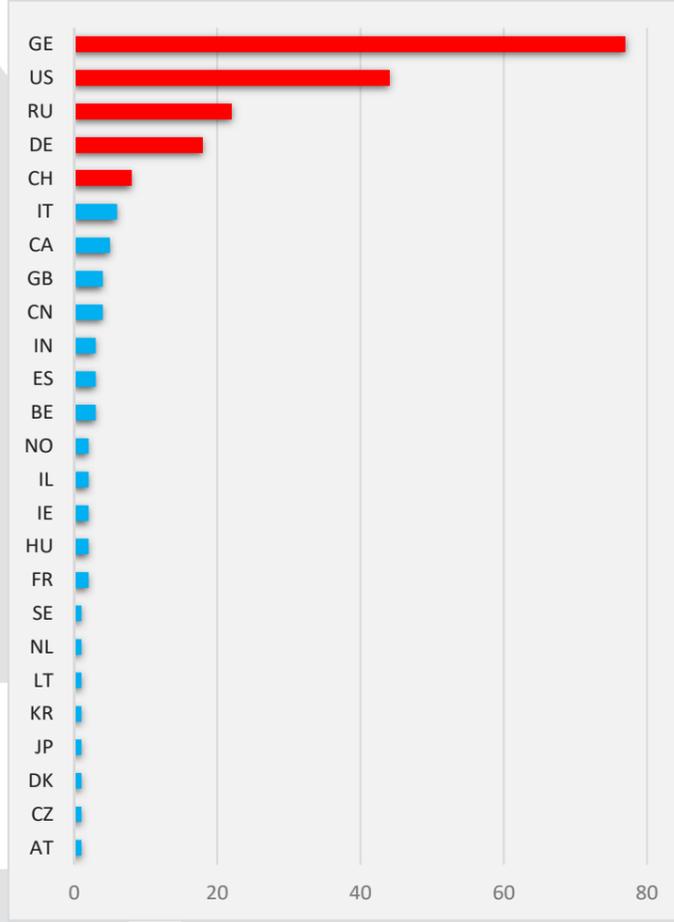


Number Of Filed Local Applications According To Branches	National Procedure Local	International Procedure
A (Human Necessities)	33	91
B (Performing Operations)	14	13
C (Chemistry; Metallurgy)	10	15
D (Textiles)	0	0
E (Fixed Constructions)	6	6
F (Mechanical Engineering)	5	5
G (Physics)	11	2
H (Electricity)	2	2
Total	81	134



Number Of Filed Applications According To Countries

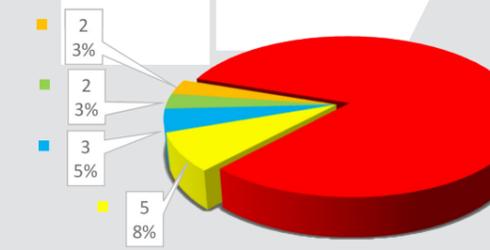
GE	77
US	44
RU	22
DE	18
CH	8
IT	6
CA	5
GB	4
CN	4
IN	3
ES	3
BE	3
NO	2
IL	2
IE	2
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KR	1
JP	1
DK	1
CZ	1
AT	1
Total	215



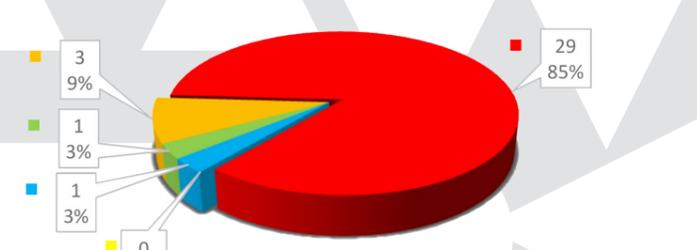
UTILITY MODEL

According to Procedure and Applicant Status				Filed Applications			Registered Patents		
				2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
National Procedure	Local	Legal Entity	4	5	2	2	4	1	
		Universities Other	1	7	2	3	1	3	
	Foreign	Natural Person	51	60	53	34	23	29	
			2	2	5	1	2	0	
International Procedure				0	1	3	2	0	1
Total				58	75	65	42	30	34

Filed Applications in 2020



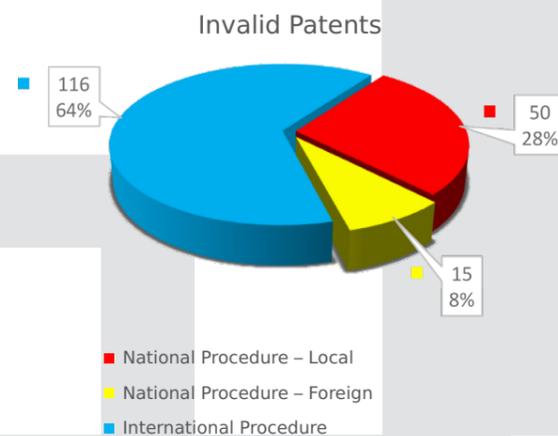
Number Of Patents Entered In The Register in 2020



- National Procedure - Legal Entity - Universities
- National Procedure - Legal Entity - Other
- National Procedure - Natural Person
- National Procedure - Foreign
- International Procedure

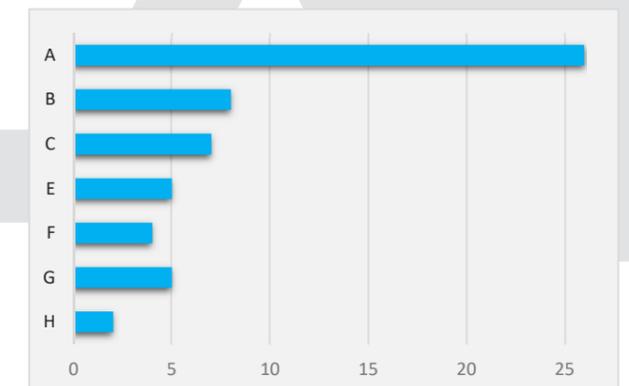
Number of Invalidated Patents According to Procedure and Applicant Status

National Procedure	Local	50
	Foreign	15
International Procedure		116
Total		181



Number Of Filed Local Applications According To Branches

A (Human Necessities)	26
B (Performing Operations)	8
C (Chemistry; Metallurgy)	7
D (Textiles)	0
E (Fixed Constructions)	5
F (Mechanical Engineering)	4
G (Physics)	5
H (Electricity)	2
Total	57

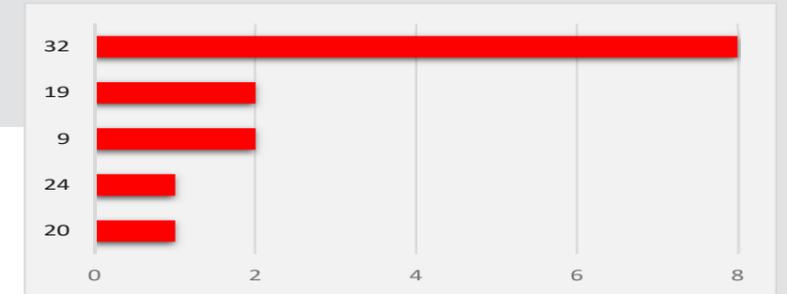


DESIGN

According to Procedure and Applicant Status			Filed Applications			Registered Patents		
			2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
National Procedure	Local	Legal Entity	14	9	14	14	7	9
		Natural Person	29	54	30	32	19	30
	Foreign	13	7	14	10	8	3	
International Procedure			126	139	146	145	100	174
Total			182	209	204	201	134	216

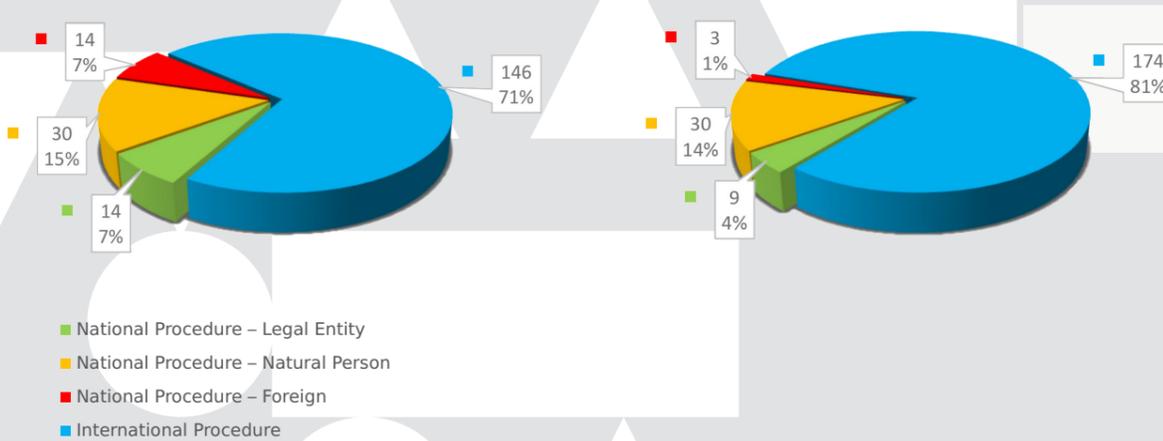
NUMBER OF FILED FOREIGN APPLICATIONS ACCORDING TO CLASSES

CLASS	QTY	
32	8	57%
19	2	15%
9	2	14%
24	1	7%
20	1	7%
Total	14	100%



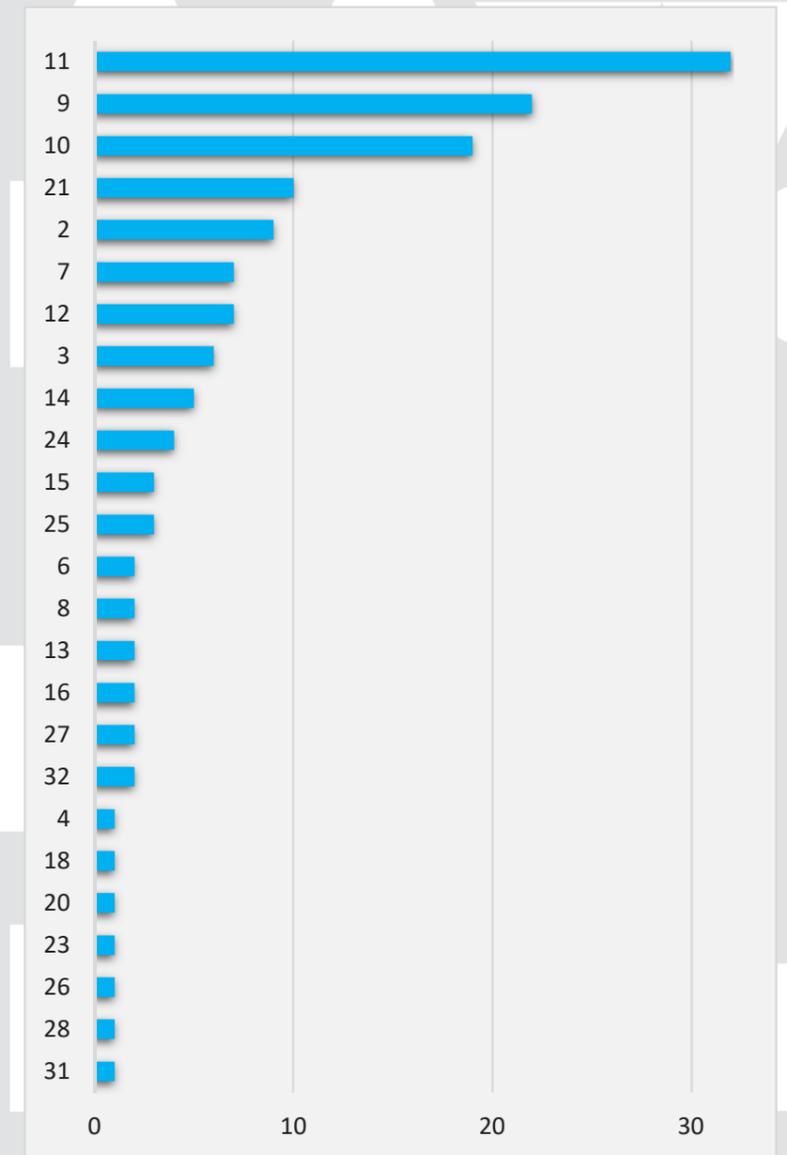
Filed Applications in 2020

Registered Patents in 2020



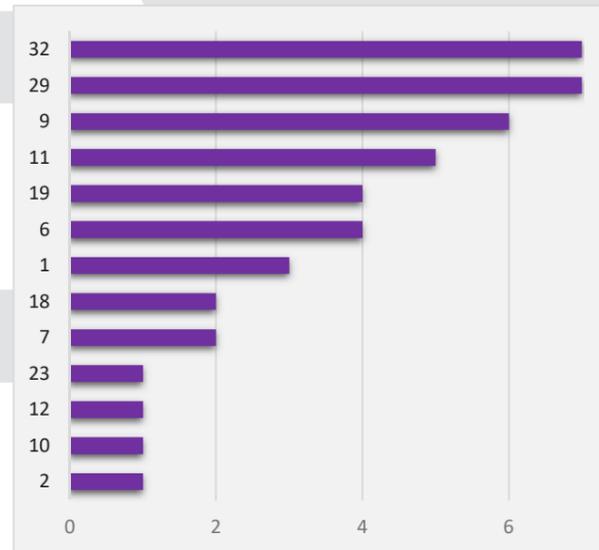
NUMBER OF FILED INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS ACCORDING TO CLASSES

CLASS	QTY	
11	32	22%
9	22	15%
10	19	13%
21	10	7%
2	9	6%
7	7	5%
12	7	5%
3	6	4%
14	5	3%
24	4	3%
15	3	2%
25	3	2%
6	2	1%
8	2	1%
13	2	1%
16	2	1%
27	2	1%
32	2	1%
4	1	1%
18	1	1%
20	1	1%
23	1	1%
26	1	1%
28	1	1%
31	1	1%
Total	146	100%



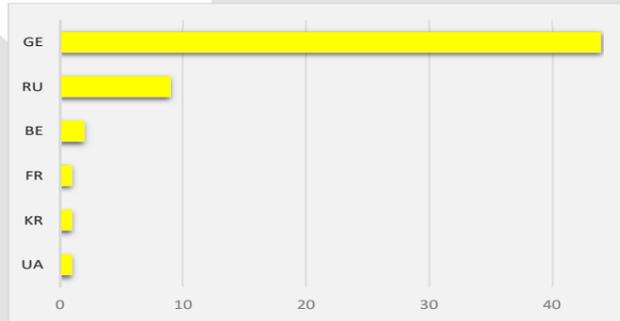
NUMBER OF FILED LOCAL APPLICATIONS ACCORDING TO CLASSES

CLASS	QTY	
32	7	16%
29	7	16%
9	6	14%
11	5	11%
19	4	9%
6	4	9%
1	3	7%
18	2	5%
7	2	5%
23	1	2%
12	1	2%
10	1	2%
2	1	2%
Total	44	100%



NUMBER OF FILED NATIONAL APPLICATIONS ACCORDING TO COUNTRIES

CODE	QTY	
GE	44	76%
RU	9	15%
BE	2	3%
FR	1	2%
KR	1	2%
UA	1	2%
Total	58	100%



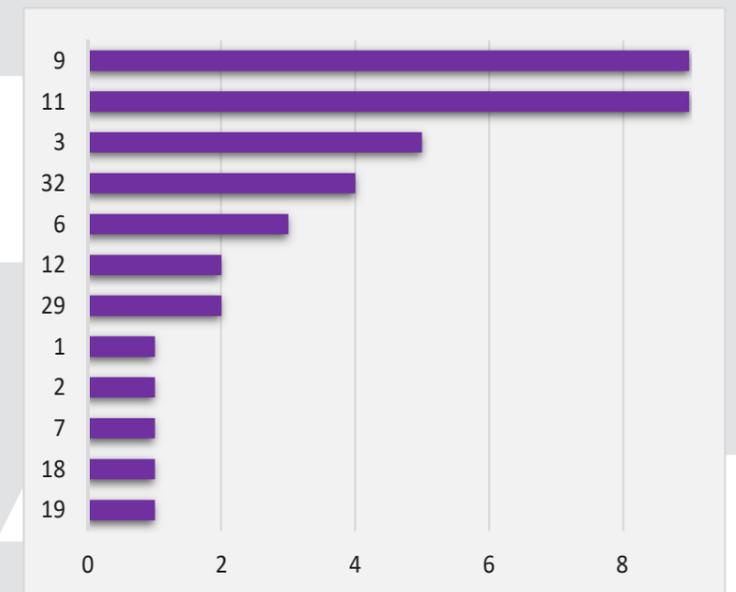
NUMBER OF FILED INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS ACCORDING TO COUNTRIES

CODE	QTY	
CH	51	35%
TR	14	10%
IT	9	6%
DE	9	6%
GB	8	5%
US	7	5%
RU	7	5%
EM	7	5%
SE	5	3%
PL	5	3%
NL	3	2%
KR	3	2%
FR	3	2%
UA	2	1%
SG	2	1%
JP	2	1%
BG	2	1%
VN	1	1%
LV	1	1%
LU	1	1%
HU	1	1%
ES	1	1%
CA	1	1%
AM	1	1%
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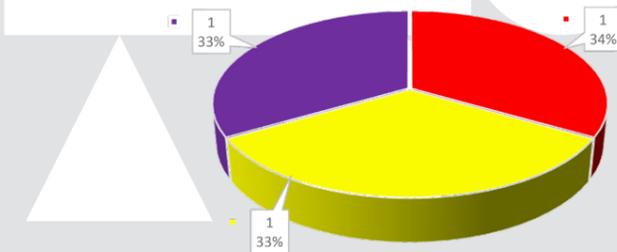
NUMBER OF LOCAL APPLICATIONS ENTERED IN THE REGISTER ACCORDING TO CLASSES

CLASS	QTY	
9	9	23%
11	9	23%
3	5	13%
32	4	10%
6	3	8%
12	2	5%
29	2	5%
1	1	3%
2	1	3%
7	1	3%
18	1	2%
19	1	2%
Total	39	100%



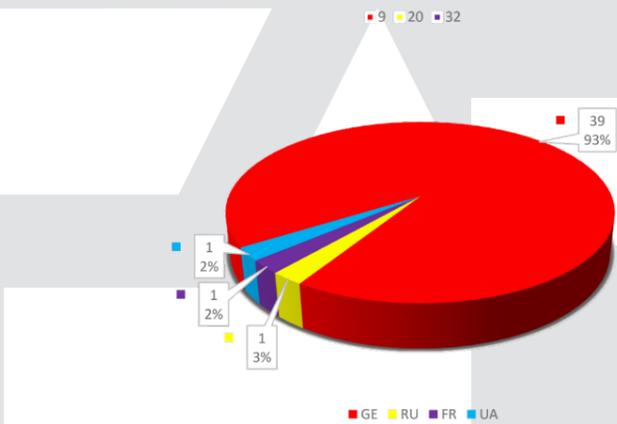
NUMBER OF FOREIGN APPLICATIONS ENTERED IN THE REGISTER ACCORDING TO CLASSES

CLASS	QTY	
9	1	34%
20	1	33%
32	1	33%
Total	3	100%



NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS ENTERED IN THE REGISTER ACCORDING TO COUNTRIES

CODE	QTY	
GE	39	93%
RU	1	3%
FR	1	2%
UA	1	2%
Total	42	100%

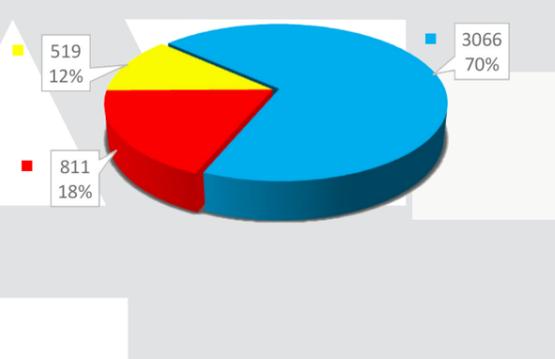
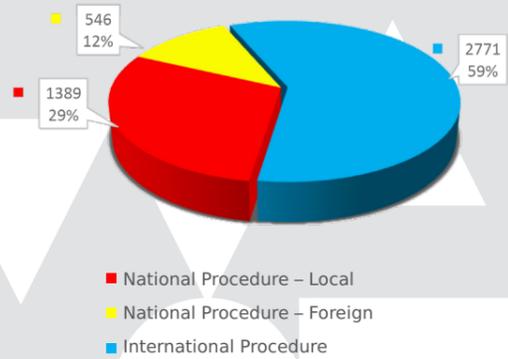


TRADEMARK

According to Procedure and Applicant Status		Filed Applications			Registered and Protected Marks		
		2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
National Procedure	Local	1373	1443	1389	833	924	811
	Foreign	691	608	546	591	647	519
International Procedure		3101	3339	2771	3257	2988	3066
Total		5165	5390	4706	4681	4559	4396

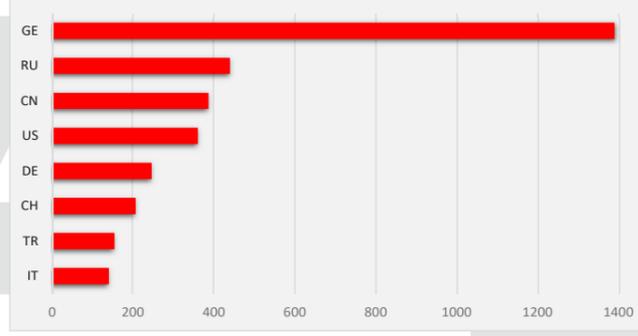
Filed Applications in 2020

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NUMBER OF FILED APPLICATIONS ACCORDING TO COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	QTY	Percentage
GE	1390	30%
RU	439	9%
CN	386	8%
US	360	8%
DE	246	5%
CH	206	4%
TR	154	3%
IT	140	3%
Other	1390	30%



NUMBER OF FILED APPLICATIONS ACCORDING TO CLASSES

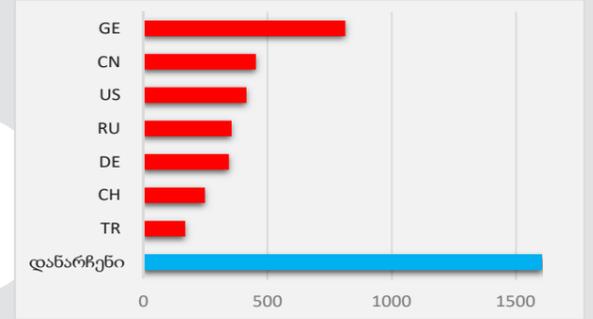
CLASS	QTY	Percentage
5	968	21%
35	851	18%
9	691	15%
33	526	11%
30	476	10%
3	470	10%
41	337	7%
32	317	7%
42	302	6%
29	298	6%
43	286	6%
25	277	6%

NUMBER OF FILED LOCAL APPLICATIONS ACCORDING TO CLASSES

CLASS	QTY	Percentage
33	369	27%
35	332	24%
5	250	18%
43	177	13%
32	120	9%
30	113	8%
29	84	6%
41	84	6%
9	76	5%
25	71	5%
36	68	5%

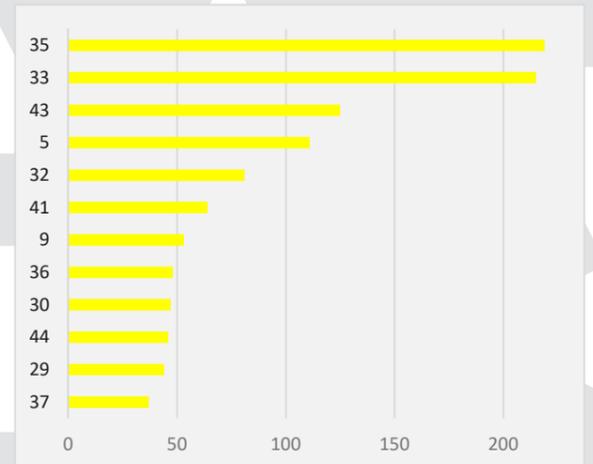
NUMBER OF REGISTERED AND PROTECTED MARKS ACCORDING TO COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	QTY	Percentage
GE	813	18%
CN	453	10%
US	415	9%
RU	355	8%
DE	345	8%
CH	247	6%
TR	168	4%
Other	1608	37%



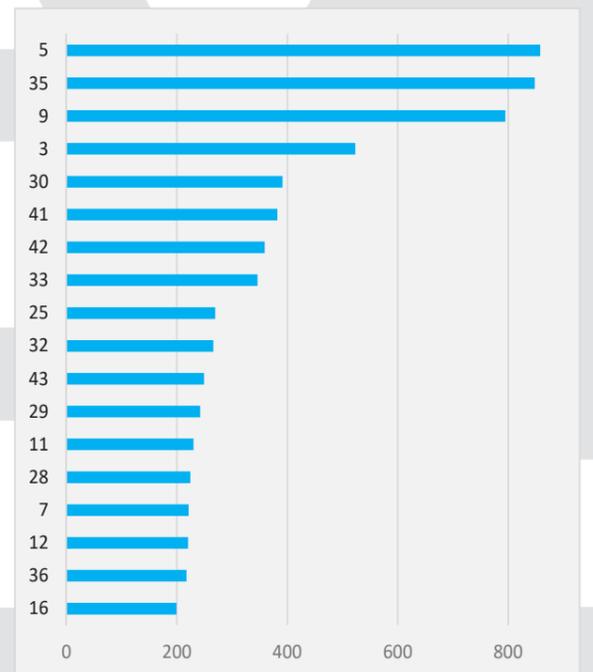
NUMBER OF LOCAL MARKS ENTERED IN THE REGISTER ACCORDING TO CLASSES

CLASS	QTY	Percentage
35	219	27%
33	215	27%
43	125	15%
5	111	14%
32	81	10%
41	64	8%
9	53	7%
36	48	6%
30	47	6%
44	46	6%
29	44	5%
37	37	5%



NUMBER OF REGISTERED AND PROTECTED MARKS ACCORDING TO CLASSES

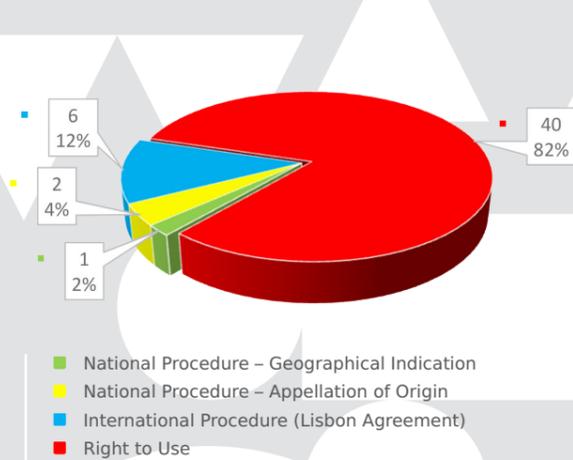
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5	858	20%
35	848	19%
9	795	18%
3	523	12%
30	391	9%
41	382	9%
42	359	8%
33	346	8%
25	269	6%
32	266	6%
43	249	6%
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11	230	5%
28	224	5%
7	221	5%
12	220	5%
36	217	5%
16	199	5%



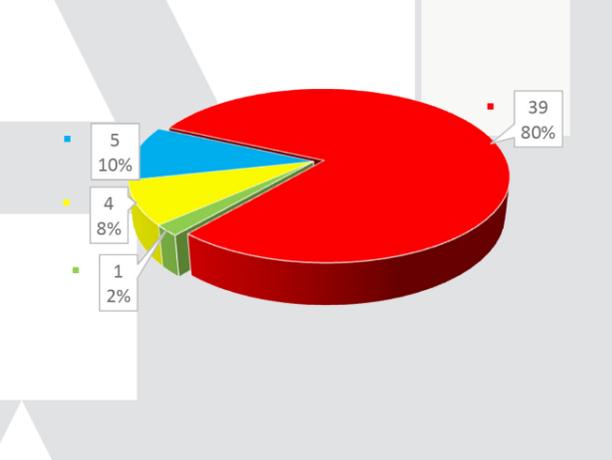
GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION AND APPELLATION OF ORIGIN

According to Procedure and Applicant Status		Filed Applications			Registered Appellations and Indications		
		2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
National Procedure	Geographical Indication	1	1	1	1	0	1
	Appellation of Origin	1	4	2	1	1	4
International Procedure (Lisbon Agreement)		57	10	6	0	69	5
Right to Use Appellation of Origin and Geographical Indication		19	25	40	36	25	39
Total		78	40	49	38	95	49

Filed Applications in 2020



Registered Appellations and Indications in 2020



NUMBER OF FILED APPLICATIONS ACCORDING TO COUNTRIES

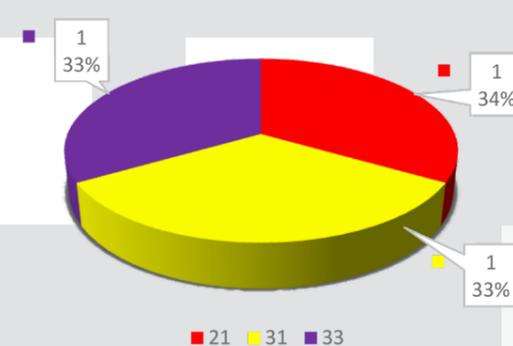
COUNTRY	QTY
GE	3
IR	2
MX	1
BA	1
TN	1
CR	1
Total	9

NUMBER OF FILED APPLICATIONS ACCORDING TO CLASSES

CLASS	QTY
21	1
29	1
30	2
31	2
33	2
34	1
Total	9

NUMBER OF FILED LOCAL APPLICATIONS ACCORDING TO CLASSES

CLASS	QTY
21	1
31	1
33	1
Total	3



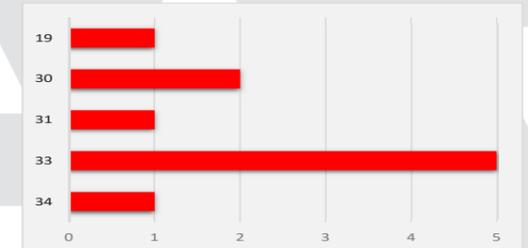
NUMBER OF REGISTERED AND PROTECTED APPELLATIONS/INDICATIONS ACCORDING TO COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	QTY
GE	5
BA	1
IR	3
MX	1
Total	10



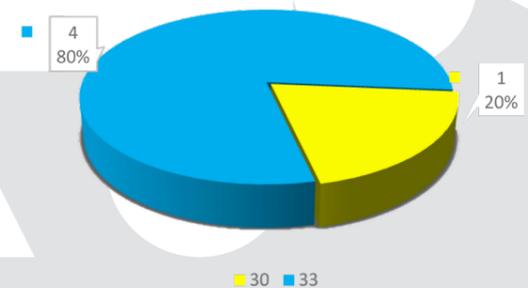
NUMBER OF REGISTERED AND PROTECTED APPELLATIONS/INDICATIONS ACCORDING TO CLASSES

CLASS	QTY
19	1
30	2
31	1
33	5
34	1
Total	10



NUMBER OF REGISTERED AND PROTECTED LOCAL APPELLATIONS/INDICATIONS ACCORDING TO CLASSES

CLASS	QTY
30	1
33	4
Total	5



APPLICATIONS FILED FOR THE RIGHT TO USE A REGISTERED GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION

TITLE	ENTITY HAVING THE RIGHT TO USE	CLASS
Chacha	JSC Chateau Mukhrani	33
Chacha	LLC Georgian Wines and Spirits Company	33
Chacha	JSC Teliani Valley	33

ENTITIES HAVING THE RIGHT TO USE A REGISTERED GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION

GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION	ENTITY HAVING THE RIGHT TO USE
Tushetian Guda	RC Alaznis Tavi
Chacha	JSC Teliani Valley
Chacha	LLC Georgian Wines and Spirits Company
Chacha	JSC Chateau Mukhrani

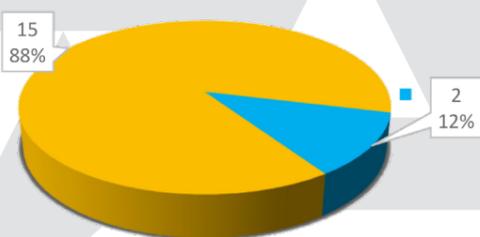
APPLICATIONS FILED FOR THE RIGHT TO USE A REGISTERED APPELLATION OF ORIGIN			
№	TITLE	ENTITY HAVING THE RIGHT TO USE	CLASS
1	Akhasheni	LLC Georgian Wines and Spirits Company	33
2	Akhasheni	JSC BADAGONI	33
3	Borjomi	IDS Borjomi Beverages Co.N.V.	32
4	Vazisubani	JSC BADAGONI	33
5	Teliani	JSC Teliani Valley	33
6	Kakheti	Georgian Wine House Ltd.	33
7	Kakheti	Kakhetian Wine Cellar Ltd	33
8	Kakheti	LTD Gevelli	33
9	Manavi	JSC BADAGONI	33
10	Mitarbi	IDS Borjomi Beverages Co.N.V.	32
11	Mukuzani	LLC Georgian Wines and Spirits Company	33
12	Mukuzani	Georgian Wine House Ltd.	33
13	Mukuzani	JSC BADAGONI	33
14	Mukuzani	LTD Chateau Mukuzani	33
15	Nabeghlavi	JSC Healthy Water	32
16	Napareuli	LLC Georgian Wines and Spirits Company	33
17	Sairme	LTD Sairme Mineral Waters	32
18	Tvishi	LTD Royal Racha	33
19	Tvishi	LLC Georgian Wines and Spirits Company	33
20	Tvishi	JSC BADAGONI	33
21	Tibaani	Natural person – Otar Bidzinashvili	33
22	Kindzmarauli	JSC Corporation Kindzmarauli	33
23	Kindzmarauli	JSC Chateau Mukhrani	33
24	Kindzmarauli	LLC Georgian Wines and Spirits Company	33
25	Kindzmarauli	LTD Vaziani Company	33
26	Kindzmarauli	Kindzmarauli Cellar LLC	33
27	Kindzmarauli	JSC BADAGONI	33
28	Kindzmarauli	LTD Marniskari	33
29	Kindzmarauli	LTD Shimon and company	33
30	Kvareli	LTD Kvareli Cellar	33
31	Tsinandali	LLC Georgian Wines and Spirits Company	33
32	Tsinandali	JSC BADAGONI	33
33	Khvanchkara	LTD Royal Racha	33
34	Khvanchkara	JSC Chateau Mukhrani	33
35	Khvanchkara	LLC Georgian Wines and Spirits Company	33
36	Khvanchkara	JSC BADAGONI	33

ENTITIES HAVING THE RIGHT TO USE A REGISTERED APPELLATION OF ORIGIN		
№	APPELLATION OF ORIGIN	ENTITY HAVING THE RIGHT TO USE
1	Khvanchkara	LTD Royal Racha
2	Akhasheni	JSC BADAGONI
3	Kakheti	Kakhetian Wine Cellar Ltd
4	Mitarbi	IDS Borjomi Beverages Co.N.V.
5	Borjomi	IDS Borjomi Beverages Co.N.V.
6	Kindzmarauli	LTD Shimon and company
7	Sairme	LTD Sairme Mineral Waters
8	Teliani	JSC Teliani Valley
9	Nabeghlavi	JSC Healthy Water
10	Kakheti	Georgian Wine House Ltd.
11	Akhasheni	LLC Georgian Wines and Spirits Company
12	Mukuzani	LLC Georgian Wines and Spirits Company
13	Napareuli	LLC Georgian Wines and Spirits Company
14	Kindzmarauli	JSC Chateau Mukhrani
15	Kindzmarauli	LLC Georgian Wines and Spirits Company
16	Tvishi	LLC Georgian Wines and Spirits Company
17	Kindzmarauli	Kindzmarauli Cellar LLC
18	Khvanchkara	LLC Georgian Wines and Spirits Company
19	Khvanchkara	JSC Chateau Mukhrani
20	Tsinandali	LLC Georgian Wines and Spirits Company
21	Mukuzani	Georgian Wine House Ltd.
22	Kindzmarauli	LTD Vaziani Company
23	Kvareli	LTD Kvareli Cellar
24	Tsinandali	JSC BADAGONI
25	Vazisubani	JSC BADAGONI
26	Mukuzani	JSC BADAGONI
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NEW PLANT VARIETIES AND ANIMAL BREEDS

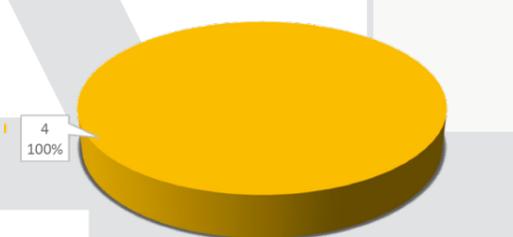
ACCORDING TO APPLICANT STATUS		Filed Applications			Registered Varieties/Breeds		
		2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
Local	Legal Entity	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Natural Person	0	0	0	0	0	0
Foreign	Legal Entity	1	5	15	4	1	4
	Natural Person	0	0	2	0	0	0
Total		1	5	17	4	1	4

Filed Applications in 2020



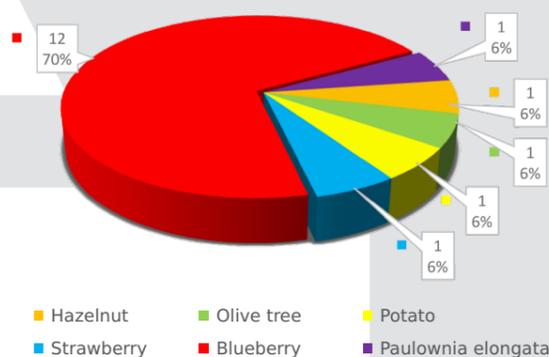
- Foreign - Legal Entity
- Foreign - Natural Person

Registered Varieties/Breeds in 2020



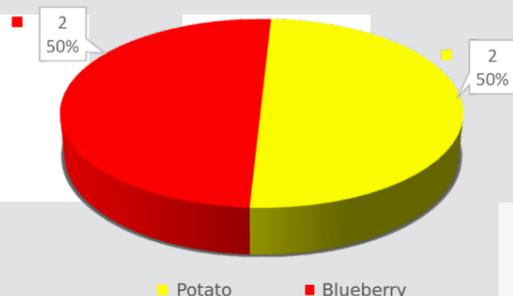
NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FILED ACCORDING TO CROPS

CROP	QTY
Hazelnut	1
Olive tree	1
Potato	1
Strawberry	1
Blueberry	12
<i>Paulownia elongata</i>	1
Total	17



NUMBER OF VARIETIES ENTERED IN THE REGISTER ACCORDING TO CROPS

CROP	QTY
Potato	2
Blueberry	2
Total	4



STATISTICS OF APPLICATIONS

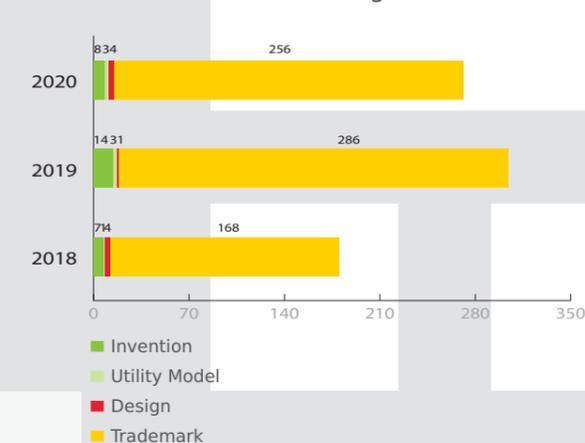
OBJECT		FILED			ENTERED IN THE REGISTER		
		2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
Invention	National	106	88	81	36	35	49
	International	151	110	134	97	80	103
Utility Model	National	58	74	62	40	30	33
	International	0	1	3	2	0	1
PCT Applications/Sakpatenti - Receiving Office		5	4	5	-	-	-
Design	National	56	70	58	56	34	42
	International	126	139	146	145	100	174
Trademark	National	2064	2051	1935	1424	1571	1330
	International	3101	3339	2771	3257	2988	3066
Geographical Indication and Appellation of Origin	Geographical Indication	1	1	1	1	0	1
	Appellation of Origin	1	4	2	1	1	4
	International	57	10	6	0	69	5
	Right to Use	19	25	40	36	25	39
New Varieties and Breeds		1	5	17	4	1	4
Deposition of Copyright and Related Rights		321	324	362	329	272	327
Total		6067	6245	5623	5428	5206	5178

TRANSFER OF RIGHTS AND LICENSE AGREEMENTS

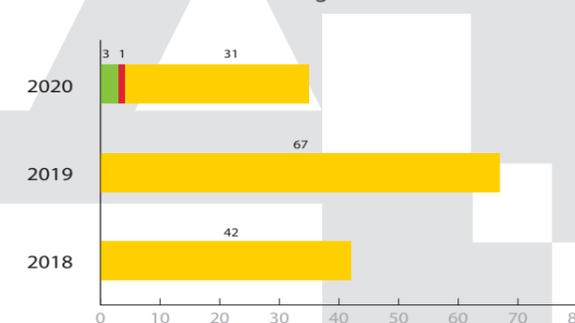
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The majority of agreements registered during the last three years are related to trademarks.

Transfer of Rights



License Agreements



ACTION PLAN 2021

- Starting of preparatory work for the development of a sectoral strategy;
- Obtaining the international certificate of quality management system ISO 9001: 2015;
- Improvement of the system of examination procedure of industrial property subject-matters and its harmonization with the EU practices, approaches and regulations, as well as improvement of the quality of protection and introducing of an effective coordination mechanism with the offices responsible for enforcement;
- Strengthening the system of protection of Georgian geographical indications and further approximation with the European Union system of geographical indications, through the creation of relevant legislative amendments and institutional mechanisms;
- Implementation of legislative amendments and starting of a systemic reform in the direction of attestation of patent attorneys in accordance with the Validation Agreement concluded with the European Patent Office;
- Preparation of draft amendments to the Law of Georgia on New Breeds of Animals and Varieties of Plants, which aims to approximate the system of protection and examination of new varieties and breeds to international quality standards;
- Further development of the Training Center, introduction of various training programs tailored to the needs of various target groups, implementation of large-scale awareness-raising activities, continuation of negotiations with the WIPO Academy for establishment of an Intellectual Property Law Master program in Georgia;
- Introduction of a system of human resources management and evaluation, as well as, in order to attract young specialists, development of an internship system based on transparent and objective criteria;
- Development of a communication strategy and, in order to raise awareness on intellectual property subject-matters, carrying out relevant information campaigns;
- Strengthening of publishing activity – translation and publishing of specialist literature.



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