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### Provisions on Patent Application by Using Electronic Filing

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On August 26, 2010, the State Intellectual Property Office of P.R.C. issued the Provisions on Patent Application by Using Electronic Filing (“the Provisions”) which came into effect on Oct 1st of 2010.

According to the Provisions, for applicants who want to submit patent application by using electronic filing, the applicants should sign User Registration Protocol for Patent Electronic Application System first with SIPO. Further, there are two exceptional situations under which electronic application does not apply to: (1) submit application for international patent rights application; (2) the subject inventions are related to the state security or material benefits that need to be kept confidential.

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