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SIPO Proposes To Amend Rules On Administrative Enforcement Of Patent Rights

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The State Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) has initiated a consultation on its website in September of 2010 regarding the "Draft Amendments to the Rules on Administrative Enforcement of Patent Rights (Consultative Draft)". It is proposed that the Draft Amendments will govern patent authorities' administrative enforcement of patent rights, including handling disputes over patent infringements, mediation of disputes over patent rights and handling false patent cases. Applications for mediation of disputes over patent rights must be made in writing. The authorities shall have the jurisdiction over false patent cases which take place within their administrative regions. The Draft Amendments also specify the power of the patent authorities to collect evidence in handling disputes over patent infringements and false patent cases.

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