Announcements:

1. There are three types of patents in China: Invention Patent, utility model patent and design patent. The invention patent protection method and the product technical improvement; the Utility Model Patent Only protects the product; the Appearance Design Patent Protection scope is regarding to take the product as the carrier appearance, the design product shape, the pattern, the color and so on. Before applying for a patent, the applicant must first judge the type of the patent according to the definition of the three kinds of patents in the patent law.

2. Which application documents should be submitted for patent application:
   (1) Where an application for a patent for invention is filed, the
application documents shall include: a request for a patent for invention, an abstract of the description (with drawings attached to the abstract if necessary), a statement of claim, and an illustration (with drawings attached to the description if necessary);

(2) Where an application for a patent for utility model is filed, the application documents shall include: the request for a patent for utility model, the abstract of the specification and the drawings attached to the abstract, the claim, the specification and the drawings attached to the specification;

(3) Where an application for a patent for design is filed, the application documents shall include: a request for a patent for design, a picture or photograph (for color protection, a color picture or photograph shall be submitted) and a brief description of the design.

3. Form of filing of patent application
The applicant shall file an application for a patent in electronic form or in writing.

(1) Where an applicant applies for a patent in the form of an electronic document, he shall go through the formalities for the registration of an electronic user in advance and submit the application documents and other documents to the patent office through the Patent Office's electronic application system.

(2) Where an applicant applies for a patent in writing, he may hand over the application documents and other documents in person to the processing window of the Patent Office or mail them to the "processing office of the Patent Office". They may also be submitted in person to the processing window of the Representative Office of the local patent office or sent to the "representative office of the Patent Office of the National Intellectual Property Administration, PRC".

4. How to arrange the application documents when submitting the application

(1) the application documents for a patent for invention or utility model shall be arranged in the following order: The request, the abstract of the specification, the drawings attached to the abstract, the statement of claim, the specification (including the list of amino acids or nucleotides) and the drawings attached to the specification.

(2) the application documents for a patent for design shall be arranged in the following order: The request, pictures or photographs, and a brief explanation. Each part of the application shall be numbered separately in Arabic numeral order.

5. More detailed notes can be found at the National Intellectual Property Administration, PRC:  
Reference:


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