

**Patents Registry**  
**Intellectual Property Department**  
**Hong Kong SAR Government**  
**Patents Examination Guidelines**

**Glossary of terms and abbreviations used in these Guidelines**

<b>Terms / Abbreviations</b>	<b>Definitions</b>
All ER	All England Reports
BLC <i>number/year</i>	Decisions of the Patents Court of the High Court of England and Wales
BLO <i>number/year</i>	Decisions of the UKIPO
CNIPA	China National Intellectual Property Administration
EPO	European Patent Office
EPO OJ	Official Journal of the EPO
EWCA Civ	Neutral citation assigned to judgments of the Civil Division of the Court of Appeal of the High Court of England and Wales
EWHC <i>number (Pat)</i>	Neutral citation assigned to judgments of the Patents Court of the High Court of England and Wales
FSR	Fleet Street Reports
G <i>number/year</i>	A decision of the EPO Enlarged Board of Appeal
Guidelines	Patents Examination Guidelines of the Registry
HCMP	Neutral citation assigned to judgments of the Miscellaneous Proceedings of the High Court of the Hong Kong SAR
HKC	Hong Kong Cases
HKCFI	Neutral citation assigned to judgments of the Court of First Instance of the High Court of the Hong Kong SAR

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HKEC	Hong Kong Electronic Citation
HKLR	Hong Kong Law Reports
HKLRD	Hong Kong Law Reports & Digest
<i>J number/year</i>	A decision of the EPO Legal Board of Appeal
LJ(NS)	Law Journal (New Series)
Ordinance	Patents Ordinance as amended by the Patents (Amendment) Ordinance 2016 (17 of 2016), Chapter 514 of the Laws of the Hong Kong SAR
Paris Convention	Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property signed at Paris on 20 March 1883, as revised or amended from time to time
PCT	Patent Cooperation Treaty
PCT Guidelines	PCT Guidelines for International Search and Preliminary Examination
Registrar	Registrar of Patents of the Hong Kong SAR Government
Registry	Patents Registry of the Hong Kong SAR Government
RPC	Reports of Patent, Design and Trade Mark Cases
Rules	Patents (General) Rules as amended by the Patents (General) (Amendment) Rules 2019 (L.N. 35 of 2019), Chapter 514C of the Laws of the Hong Kong SAR
Standard patent (O)	A standard patent by original grant
Standard patent (R)	A standard patent by re-registration
<i>T number/year</i>	A decision of the EPO Technical Board of Appeal
UKIPO	Intellectual Property Office of the UK Government
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization