



The Senate of Kazakhstan is considering the draft Law, introducing amendments into intellectual property legislation

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Briefly

On 22 April 2022 the Senate of Kazakhstan accepted for consideration the draft Law "On amendments and additions to certain legislative acts of Kazakhstan on improving legislation on intellectual property".

In detail

The draft Law provides for the following amendments to legal acts of Kazakhstan in the sphere of intellectual property:

- Within the framework of Kazakhstan Civil Code, geographical indications were recognized as a separate object of intellectual property.
- A geographical indication is a designation identifying a product originated from the territory of a geographical object, a certain quality, reputation or other characteristics of which are largely related to its geographical origin.
- At least one of the stages of the production of goods, which has a significant impact on the formation of its characteristics, should be carried out on the territory of such a geographical object.
- Legal protection of geographical indications is provided on the basis of their registration in accordance with the procedure established by the Law of Kazakhstan "On trademarks, service marks, geographical indications and names of origin of goods", as well as within the framework of international treaties of Kazakhstan.
- Designations that cannot be granted legal protection as a geographical indication will be determined by the laws of Kazakhstan.
- The rights to use the geographical indication are valid for ten years, starting from the application submission date to the expert organization. The validity period of the rights to use the geographical indication may be extended at the request of its owner.
- The term of the patent for an industrial design will be valid for ten years. The validity period of a patent may be extended by an expert organization at the request of the patent holder for five years each time. The total validity period of the patent should not exceed twenty-five years from the date of filing the application (previously the total period was twenty years);

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