A Comparative Study on the Regulations and Law Enforcements of Patent Licensing

Abstract

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Given that the patent right is one of the most important intellectual property in high-tech industries, the issues regarding patent licensing under the legal framework of competition in the USA, the European Community (EC) as well as Japan are analyzed. This research project focuses in particular on patent licensing in respect of patent pool, standardization organizations and standardized technology licensing. Not only the competition law, regulations and guidelines, but also the practical developments in the USA, EC and Japan are the study subjects of this project. This project focuses both in the historical development in practice and in the present review on the up-to-date cases and discussion on the both side of Atlantic countries and Japan.

Apart from that, the legal framework of competition in Taiwan and the important CD-R patent licensing case in Taiwan are discussed. To sum up, this project submits, according to the patent practice and industries' requirements in Taiwan, proper solutions to these issues as well as possible revised legal provisions in the competition law and the regulations.