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On July 12, 2024, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (SPTO) published its annual report "The SPTO in Figures 2023", which includes data on patents, utility models, trademarks, trade names, industrial designs and Patent Technological Reports (PTR). The data is obtained from the SPTO, EPO, WIPO and EUIPO databases.

The purpose of the report is to provide a comprehensive overview of the year 2023.

Patents

In 2023, 1,455 patent applications were filed, an increase of 10.4% compared to 2022. The increase in PCT applications entering the national phase, which accounted for 18.2% of the total, was the primary driver of this growth. The Community of Madrid leads with 24.7% of applications filed by residents, followed by the Community of Valencia (16.6%) and Andalusia (14.9%). The Spanish National Research Council (CSIC) is the largest applicant with 50 applications. Despite a 23.2% decline in applications, the medical devices sector remains in first place.

Utility Models

The number of utility model applications increased by 6.5% compared to 2022, reaching 2,807. Catalonia leads with 17.7% of applications, followed by the Community of Madrid (16.3%) and the Community of Valencia (15.2%). In this case, the main applicants are individuals.

Trademarks

In 2023, 47,278 national trademark applications were filed by residents and 1,495 by nonresidents. The Community of Madrid leads with 23.3% of applications. It is followed by Catalonia (17.5%) and Andalusia (15%). The Spanish Radio and Television Corporation S.A. S.M.E. is the largest applicant, having filed 116 applications.

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Trade Names

A total of 15,124 trade name applications were filed, an increase of 21.5% compared to 2022. The regions of Madrid, Andalusia, and Catalonia have experienced the highest number of applications.

Industrial Designs

A total of 14,590 industrial design applications were filed, an increase of 33.6% over the previous year. Catalonia leads with 22.4% of applications, followed by the Community of Valencia (19.8%) and the Community of Madrid (18.3%). Desigual S.L.U. is the largest applicant, with a total of 1,656 designs.

In conclusion, the report indicates a notable increase in the protection of intangible assets in Spain during the year 2023, with a significant growth in all modalities of protection in the field of Intellectual Property.