
The IP Federation represents the views of UK industry in both IPR policy and practice matters within the UK, Europe and internationally. Its membership comprises the innovative and influential companies listed in this leaflet. The CBI, although not a member, is represented on the Federation council, and the council is supported by a number of leading law firms which attend its meetings as observers. It is listed on the joint Transparency Register of the European Parliament and the Commission with identity No. 83549331760-12.

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The IP Federation was founded in 1920 as the Trade Marks, Patents and Designs Federation (TMPDF) in order to coordinate the views of industry and commerce in the United Kingdom, and to make representations to the appropriate authorities on policy and practice in intellectual property (IP) matters.

Aims

The IP Federation's aim is to improve the IP framework to meet the needs of innovative industry by representing, nationally and internationally, the views of UK-based businesses. Today the Federation has over 40 IP-intensive member companies operating in a wide range of sectors and product groups, among which are many of the largest companies in the UK, as well as smaller companies. Its membership of influential innovative companies that both own and license IP has wide experience of how IP works in practice to support the growth of technology-driven industry and generate economic benefit. As a cross-sectoral industry organisation covering all technologies, the IP Federation is able to offer a viewpoint which is authoritative and balanced.

Most if not all industrial and commercial firms use or are affected by intellectual property rights, even if they are not particularly concerned with innovation protected by patents and designs. Nearly all firms own trade marks and copyright material. All are affected by competition law and the rights of others. The work of the IP Federation is therefore of value to everyone. While many firms leave day-to-day matters concerning the acquisition, defence and enforcement of rights to professional attorneys, it is still important to take a direct interest in the

policy background, to ensure that proper rights are available, can be secured in a straightforward and efficient way and can be litigated without unnecessary complexity and expense.

Activities

The IP Federation initiates proposals and follows developments at national, European and international levels across all fields of intellectual property. It has a close relationship with the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) and provides professional input on intellectual property matters to the CBI. The IP Federation is also an invited observer at diplomatic conferences and meetings of standing committees of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

Contacts

The IP Federation maintains good contacts with the UK Intellectual Property Office (IPO), and members of its council and committees participate in several focus groups and practice working groups which provide expert opinion to the UK Government and its agencies on intellectual property matters. It also has good contacts with the European Patent Office (EPO) and is represented on bodies which advise the EPO.

It is represented on the UK user committees of the Intellectual Property Enterprise Court (IPEC) and Patents Court.

The IP Federation also maintains contacts with parliamentarians both in Westminster and in the European Parliament. In the UK, it has close contacts with the Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA), the Chartered Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys (CITMA) and FICPI-UK, the UK association of the International Federation of Intellectual

Property Attorneys, and is a member of IPAN (the IP Awareness Network). Internationally, the IP Federation exchanges views and maintains good contacts with similar IP user organisations in other countries.

Membership

The IP Federation has a council, which meets monthly to agree Federation policy, a governance committee, and a number of technical committees, to which detailed consideration of issues may be delegated. Most members pay a fee that entitles them to a council seat, as well as on any or all of the committees. Some members pay a lower fee that allows them to join any or all of the committees. All members may vote at the AGM at which (*inter alia*) the president of the Federation, any vice-presidents, and the governance committee are elected. If you would like to join the Federation, please contact the Secretariat at the address given overleaf.



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