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Summary of all registered rights

Intellectual property right

		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% change 2016/17
Patents*	Applications	22,256	23,229	22,936	23,040	22,801	22,055	22,072	0%
	Publications	10,043	10,653	11,021	12,227	11,939	12,065	11,768	-2%
	Grant	7,173	6,864	5,235	4,986	5,464	5,602	6,311	13%

		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% change 2016/17
Trade marks**	Applications	41,044	43,873	50,331	54,498	58,627	65,710	83,984	28%
	Registrations	33,172	36,755	43,548	45,123	50,079	54,222	70,362	30%

		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% change 2016/17
Designs	Applications	4,730	5,231	5,210	5,084	6,472	10,030	19,269	92%
	Registrations	3,423	5,144	4,671	4,901	5,690	8,481	17,195	103%

* Patents filed directly at the IPO & PCT applications

**Trade mark applications, domestic and International Registrations (excluding additional classes)

Introduction to the patent process

You can use a patent to protect your invention. It gives you the right to take legal action against anyone who makes, uses, sells or imports it without your permission.

To be granted a patent, the invention must be all of the following:

- something that can be made or used
- new
- inventive - not just a simple modification to something that already exists

You can't patent certain types of invention, including:

- literary, dramatic, musical or artistic works
- a way of doing business, playing a game or thinking
- a method of medical treatment or diagnosis
- a discovery, scientific theory or mathematical method
- the way information is presented
- some computer programs or mobile apps
- 'essentially biological' processes like crossing-breeding plants, and plant or animal varieties

Application

An application for a patent should include a full description of the invention (including any drawings), a set of claims defining the invention, a short abstract summarising the technical features of the invention.

Search

The IPO carries out a search to check whether the invention is new and inventive. We need to receive a request and payment for a search within 12 months of the filing date or priority date. The results of the search and any defects in the application are reported. Search reports can take up to 6 months.

Publication

Applications are published 18 months from your filing or priority date, provided they are complete and pass the search.

Substantive examination

The examination checks whether an invention is new and inventive enough. It also checks that the description and claims match and are good enough to patent. The examination will show if an application meets the legal requirements. Examination of a patent application must be requested within 6 months of publication. The grant of a patent can take place several years after the filing date of the application.

European patent protection

European patents (EP) can also provide protection in the UK. Applications can be made through the IPO or directly to the European Patent Office (EPO). Once granted an application becomes separate patents in the countries designated.

Patent Co-operation Treaty (PCT)

GB patents may also be received by the IPO through the international route. International applications use the Patent Co-operation Treaty (PCT) to pursue patent rights across many countries from a single filing.

The patent counts in this document include applications received directly at the IPO or via the international route (PCT) unless otherwise stated.

Section 1

Application filed and published, patents granted, according to applicant country of residence

	Applications Filed		Applications Published		Patents Granted	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
United Kingdom (total)	13,842	13,286	6,289	6,007	2,893	3,260
UK Regions						
East Midlands	692	524	331	317	152	173
East of England	1,902	1,711	916	916	407	461
London	2,592	2,585	1,045	1,089	400	530
North East	274	296	126	131	50	50
North West	970	863	517	404	241	224
Northern Ireland	156	158	86	83	34	46
Scotland	753	855	281	303	129	157
South East	2,140	2,057	1,029	963	493	534
South West	1,635	1,449	629	563	321	311
Wales	469	382	193	193	97	109
West Midlands	1,170	1,198	600	604	282	360
Yorkshire and The Humber	687	702	325	271	156	188
Unmatched Postcodes	402	506	211	170	131	117
Albania	3	0	0	0	0	0
Andorra	1	0	0	1	1	1
Antigua and Barbuda	83	81	0	0	0	0
Argentina	0	0	1	0	1	0
Australia	111	130	68	81	34	34
Austria	41	44	34	28	12	10
Azerbaijan	2	0	1	1	1	0
Bahamas	6	5	2	0	2	1
Bahrain	2	0	0	0	1	0
Barbados	6	68	8	38	1	4
Belarus	0	1	0	0	0	0
Belgium	163	174	32	22	3	8
Benin	0	1	0	0	0	0
Bermuda	11	3	4	2	1	0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	4	0	0	0	0	0
Brazil	7	9	2	3	1	0
British Virgin Islands	69	9	123	31	39	78
Bulgaria	3	2	2	4	0	0
Canada	159	183	54	49	25	27
Cayman Islands	5	1	1	1	3	4
Channel Islands	26	22	14	5	7	6
Chile	4	2	1	2	0	1
China	657	1078	323	411	86	118
Costa Rica	0	1	0	0	0	0

	Applications Filed		Applications Published		Patents Granted	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Croatia	6	1	1	2	0	0
Cyprus	8	7	2	8	0	0
Czech Republic	9	13	8	0	1	1
Denmark	45	66	25	14	4	6
Egypt	3	6	0	0	1	0
Estonia	4	5	4	2	0	0
Finland	117	124	108	91	39	40
France	150	168	147	123	77	110
Germany	499	513	324	345	144	136
Ghana	0	1	0	0	0	0
Gibraltar	5	4	1	1	3	3
Greece	9	18	6	2	3	2
Honduras	0	1	0	0	0	0
Hong Kong	54	51	89	45	36	37
Hungary	4	4	2	2	0	1
Iceland	4	2	1	0	0	0
India	60	73	33	37	10	11
Indonesia	1	1	0	0	0	1
Iran	0	1	0	1	1	0
Iraq	1	2	0	1	0	0
Republic of Ireland	298	320	114	129	59	64
Isle of Man	49	30	19	17	6	9
Israel	98	72	52	51	23	17
Italy	57	54	16	21	4	13
Japan	562	586	546	501	291	330
Jordan	0	1	0	0	0	1
Kenya	0	2	1	0	0	0
Kiribati	0	1	0	0	0	0
Korea, Republic of	96	126	67	81	71	68
Kuwait	0	0	1	0	0	0
Latvia	0	3	2	1	0	0
Lebanon	4	2	0	1	0	0
Liechtenstein	2	5	3	4	2	6
Lithuania	2	1	0	1	0	0
Luxembourg	97	83	23	65	5	10
Macau	12	17	1	4	0	0
Malaysia	4	11	7	8	2	4
Malta	12	13	7	3	2	5
Mauritius	21	20	0	0	0	0
Mexico	22	10	4	11	3	4
Monaco	1	0	2	1	0	1
Montenegro	2	7	0	0	0	0
Netherlands	278	160	170	125	74	66
New Zealand	60	45	49	34	35	23

	Applications Filed		Applications Published		Patents Granted	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Nicaragua	0	1	0	0	0	0
Nigeria	3	2	0	0	1	0
Norway	369	335	188	182	78	110
Pakistan	3	3	2	0	0	2
Panama	4	0	0	2	0	1
Philippines	1	0	1	1	0	0
Poland	25	14	6	14	3	5
Portugal	16	17	2	4	2	1
Qatar	8	3	4	2	2	0
Romania	0	15	0	1	0	0
Russian Federation	8	7	14	3	2	13
Saint Kitts & Nevis	0	0	1	0	1	0
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	0	0	0	0	1	0
Samoa	0	0	0	0	0	1
Saudi Arabia	7	4	2	3	1	2
Senegal	0	2	0	0	0	0
Serbia	17	17	1	2	1	0
Seychelles	4	2	2	4	4	0
Singapore	99	67	51	55	12	21
Slovakia	3	0	0	0	0	0
Slovenia	8	10	9	6	1	2
South Africa	67	59	24	24	12	8
Spain	42	61	19	18	4	7
Sri Lanka	4	6	2	0	0	1
Swaziland	0	1	0	0	0	0
Sweden	157	154	96	36	13	26
Switzerland	296	362	111	109	31	49
Syria	2	1	0	0	0	0
Taiwan	128	124	145	118	95	75
Tanzania	0	1	0	0	0	0
Thailand	16	14	1	1	0	3
Trinidad and Tobago	1	0	1	0	0	0
Tunisia	3	2	0	0	0	0
Turkey	15	16	10	9	4	1
Turks and Caicos Islands	0	1	0	1	0	0
Ukraine	0	1	1	2	4	1
United Arab Emirates	24	29	11	23	2	6
USA	2,863	3,010	2,567	2,730	1,321	1,455

	Applications Filed		Applications Published		Patents Granted	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Uruguay	1	0	0	0	0	0
Vietnam	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total	22,055	22,072	12,065	11,768	5,602	6,311
Change on previous year		0%		-2%		13%

Notes

1. Breakdown of applications for, published and granted GB patents (PCT & direct filings to the IPO).
2. Country/region data based on address given for the first named applicant.
3. Unmatched postcodes & unknown countries are a result of incomplete address details at point of capture.

Section 2

Published applications and granted patents by International Patent Classification (IPC)

IPC Code	IPC Classification	Applications Published		Patents Granted	
		2016	2017	2016	2017
A01	Agriculture	160	179	87	82
A21 - A24	Foodstuffs; Tobacco	148	101	50	61
A41 - A47	Personal or Domestic articles	624	525	329	366
A61 - A99	Health; Life-Saving; Amusement	989	982	437	474
B01 - B09	Seperating; Mixing	271	319	126	172
B21 - B33	Shaping	394	409	211	205
B41 - B44	Printing	96	104	42	80
B60 - B68	Transporting	1,299	1,331	549	722
B81 - B99	Micro-structural technology; Nano-technology	8	14	3	6
C01 - C14	Chemistry	529	493	175	208
C21 - C30	Metallurgy	96	86	51	60
C40 - C99	Combinatorial Technology	2	1	1	0
D01 - D07	Textiles or flexible materials	47	29	29	28
D21 - D99	Paper	21	6	5	10
E01 - E06	Building	564	565	314	343
E21 - E99	Earth or Rock Drilling; Mining	801	705	256	397
F01 - F04	Engines or Pumps	534	547	272	295
F15 - F17	Engineering in general	503	373	237	243
F21 - F28	Lighting; Heating	320	296	187	175
F41 - F99	Weapons; Blasting	57	47	48	23
G01 - G12	Instruments	2,660	2,758	1,071	1,347
G21 - G99	Nucleonics	39	29	8	18
H01 - H99	Electricity	1,903	1,869	1,114	996
	Total	12,065	11,768	5,602	6,311
	Change on previous year		-2%		13%

Notes

1. Applications Published and Patents Granted by reference to their International Patent Classification (IPC) www.wipo.int/classifications/ipc/en/
2. The IPC is a hierarchical system for the classification of patents according to the different areas of technology to which they pertain.
3. Counts are based on the first / inventive IPC allocated to each application.

Section 3a

Top 50 applicants: patent applications

Rank	Applicant	Applications 2017
1	Ford Global Technologies, LLC	533
2	Halliburton Energy Services, Inc.	506
3	Jaguar Land Rover Limited	423
4	Private applicant	359
5	Google LLC	276
6	Rolls-Royce plc	246
7	Cirrus Logic International Semiconductor Limited	181
8	Shenzhen China Star Optoelectronics Technology Co., Ltd.	159
9	Johnson Matthey Public Limited Company	120
10	British Telecommunications public limited company	117
11	Canon Kabushiki Kaisha	114
12	Dyson Technology Limited	112
13	Oxford University Innovation Limited	109
14	ARM Limited	98
14	BAE SYSTEMS plc	98
16	Airbus Operations Limited	96
17	British American Tobacco (Investments) Limited	95
18	International Business Machines Corporation	92
19	nChain Holdings Limited	81
20	Katholieke Universiteit Leuven	79
21	Mitsubishi Electric Corporation	78
21	Imagination Technologies Limited	78
23	Nokia Technologies Oy	74
24	Private applicant	68
25	Baker Hughes Incorporated	64
26	Henkel AG & Co. KGaA	63
27	Micromass UK Limited	61
27	Imperial Innovations Limited	61
29	Delphi International Operations Luxembourg S.à.r.l.	60
29	Cambridge Enterprise Limited	60
31	ADC Therapeutics SA	58
32	Safran Aircraft Engines	55
32	Edwards Limited	55
34	Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	54
34	Private applicant	54
36	Motorola Solutions, Inc.	53
36	Sony Interactive Entertainment Inc.	53
38	Synaptive Medical (Barbados) Inc.	52
39	GlaxoSmithKline Intellectual Property Development Limited	50
40	TCL Communication Limited	49
40	MEDIMMUNE LIMITED	49
42	GE Aviation Systems Limited	46

Rank	Applicant	Applications 2017
43	UCL Business PLC	45
44	Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd.	41
44	AGCO International GmbH	41
44	Chengdu Ka Di Fu Technology Co.,Ltd.	41
44	Fisher-Rosemount Systems, Inc	41
48	Statoil Petroleum AS	40
49	Linde Aktiengesellschaft	39
49	Landmark Graphics Corporation	39
49	DE Innovation Lab Limited	39
	Top 50 total	5,555

Notes

1. Top 50 applicants who filed the most GB patent applications in 2017.
2. Applicant name data is cleaned and matched to similar entries to consolidate inconsistent names provided to the office.
3. The cleaning process relies on probabilistic matching and therefore may not find and group all applications from a single applicant.

Section 3b

Top applicants: granted patents

Rank	Applicant	Granted Patents 2017
1	Jaguar Land Rover Limited	149
2	International Business Machines Corporation	146
3	Baker Hughes Incorporated	113
4	Canon Kabushiki Kaisha	97
5	GM Global Technology Operations LLC	94
6	Ford Global Technologies, LLC	84
7	General Electric Company	69
8	Imagination Technologies Limited	65
9	Dyson Technology Limited	64
10	Johnson Matthey Public Limited Company	62
11	Intel Corporation	61
12	Schlumberger Holdings Limited	58
13	ARM Limited	55
14	Halliburton Energy Services, Inc.	54
15	Snecma	50
16	Rolls-Royce plc	44
17	Micromass UK Limited	37
17	BAE SYSTEMS plc	37
19	Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	30
20	Robert Bosch GmbH	28
20	Hitachi, Ltd.	28
22	Cameron International Corporation	24
23	Element Six Technologies Limited	23
24	PGS Geophysical AS	20
24	Vetco Gray Inc.	20
24	Statoil Petroleum AS	20
24	The Boeing Company	20
24	Snap-on Incorporated	20
24	HGST Netherlands B.V.	20
30	GE Aviation Systems Limited	19
30	De La Rue International Limited	19
30	Avaya Inc.	19
33	WEATHERFORD/LAMB INC.	18
33	Xerox Corporation	18
35	Cambridge Silicon Radio Limited	17
35	Cirrus Logic International Semiconductor Limited	17
37	Siemens plc	16
37	Shell Internationale Research Maatschappij B.V.	16
37	Hewlett-Packard Development Company, L.P.	16
40	LG Display Co., Ltd.	15
40	Sony Computer Entertainment Europe Limited.	15
40	Kenwood Limited	15

Rank	Applicant	Granted Patents 2017
43	Wonderland Nurserygoods Company Limited	14
43	Sericol Limited	14
43	CGG Services SA	14
43	Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc.	14
43	Cook Medical Technologies LLC	14
48	Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	13
48	Thales Holdings UK Plc	13
48	Rapiscan Systems, Inc.	13
48	Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	13
	Top 50 total	1,934

Notes

4. Top 50 applicants who filed the most GB patents granted in 2016.
5. Applicant name data is cleaned and matched to similar entries to consolidate inconsistent names provided to the office.
6. The cleaning process relies on probabilistic matching and therefore may not find and group all applications from a single applicant.

Section 4

Applications filed with priority and requests for search and examination

	Applications Filed ('000)			Requests for Search	Requests for Examination
	Without Priority Claim	With Priority Claim	Total		
2016	16.3	5.8	22.1	16,816	12,661
2017	15.6	6.4	22.0	17,438	12,705

Notes

1. Patents may claim priority from an earlier filed application (within 12 months) to obtain a priority date from the earlier application.
2. A Request for Search must be made to the office before an application is published.
3. Every published application will have a search, some may have multiple searches and some application which have been searched are withdrawn before publication.
4. The number of Requests for Search does not necessarily match the number of Applications Published in each calendar year.
5. Examination of an application must be requested in order to start the substantive examination which can lead to a granted application.
6. The examination process incorporates time to amend applications in order for them to meet the requirements for granting.
7. The number of Requests for Examination may not match the number of patents granted in a calendar year, not every examination leads to grant.

Section 5

Patent renewal fees paid for IPO and EPO patents (designating UK)

	Patent Renewal Fees Paid ('000)					
	2016			2017		
	IPO Patents	EPO Patents	All Patents	IPO patents	EPO Patents	All Patents
5th year	5.5	17.3	22.8	6.0	19.2	25.2
6th year	4.6	23.0	27.6	5.5	27.0	32.5
7th year	4.5	27.3	31.8	4.7	30.0	34.7
8th year	4.4	29.5	33.9	4.4	32.0	36.4
9th year	4.5	31.6	36.1	4.1	32.7	36.7
10th year	4.2	31.6	35.7	4.0	33.5	37.6
11th year	3.9	31.2	35.0	3.7	32.2	35.9
12th year	3.8	29.3	33.0	3.4	31.0	34.5
13th year	3.6	26.8	30.4	3.4	28.4	31.8
14th year	3.4	24.5	27.8	3.2	25.4	28.7
15th year	2.9	21.9	24.9	2.9	22.5	25.5
16th year	2.7	20.3	23.1	2.5	19.8	22.4
17th year	2.3	17.5	19.7	2.3	17.9	20.2
18th year	1.9	14.4	16.3	1.9	15.0	16.9
19th year	1.6	11.6	13.2	1.6	12.3	14.0
20th year	1.3	8.7	10.0	1.3	9.4	10.7
Totals	55.0	366.3	421.3	54.9	388.3	443.7
			Change on previous year	0%	6%	5%

Notes

1. To keep a granted patent in force and maintain the rights for the full 20 years that the law allows, the patent must be renewed every year.
2. IPO renewal fees are paid for the year ahead, starting from the 4th anniversary of the filing date of the patent.
3. A granted European Patent (EP) is a bundle of separate national patents for all the states by the applicant. An EP patent designating UK, EP(UK), is therefore a European Patent with a national UK patent as part of the bundle.
4. EP renewal fees are paid to the EPO for the years until the patent is granted, starting from the 2nd anniversary of the filing date. Once an EP(UK) is granted it is treated the same as a GB patent and renewal fees are paid to the IPO.
5. EP(UK) renewal fees are split between the IPO and EPO.

Section 6

Green channel applications

Green channel requests	
2009	137
2010	260
2011	329
2012	257
2013	310
2014	350
2015	321
2016	266
2017	382

Notes

1. The Green Channel for patent applications was introduced on 12 May 2009.
2. This service allows applicants to request accelerated processing of their patent application if the invention has an environmental benefit.

Section 7

Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPC)

	Filed		Granted		Withdrawn		Rejected		Entered into force	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Medicinal products	74	57	31	12	18	7	0	7	28	27
Plant protection products	6	4	2	1	0	0	1	0	2	2
Total	80	61	33	13	18	7	1	7	30	29

Notes

1. Applications for medicinal products under Regulation (EC) No 469/2009 and plant protection products under Regulation (EC) No 1610/96.
2. Supplementary protection certificates compensate patent holders for the loss of effective protection that results from the time taken to obtain regulatory approval.
3. SPCs do not extend the term of patents, but give similar protection. They protect a specific pharmaceutical or plant protection product authorised.

Section 8a

National security patents - s22 Directions

Year	Total	Origin		Applicant type	
		UK	Foreign	Private Inventors	Defence Industry
2000	87	67	20	3	84
2001	102	86	16	0	102
2002	127	117	10	4	123
2003	105	90	15	0	105
2004	77	73	4	1	76
2005	77	70	7	9	68
2006	61	51	10	0	61
2007	71	56	15	3	68
2008	101	98	3	2	99
2009	97	83	14	2	95
2010	92	87	5	0	82
2011	81	71	10	0	81
2012	42	38	4	0	42
2013	82	77	5	0	82
2014	56	56	0	0	56
2015	51	48	3	0	42
2016	53	47	6	0	46
2017	40	29	11	0	7

Notes

1. Number of directions under section 22 issued per year (the total includes UK, EP and PCT applications).

Section 8b

National security patents - s22 directions released

Year	Applications Declassified
2000	43
2001	39
2002	46
2003	33
2004	26
2005	76
2006	97
2007	184
2008	68
2009	153
2010	79
2011	59
2012	21
2013	186
2014	51
2015	17
2016	10
2017	17

Notes

1. Number of applications released from directions under section 22.

Section 8c

National security patents - s22 directions in force

Filing Year	Applications In Force
2000	31
2001	43
2002	43
2003	58
2004	45
2005	32
2006	34
2007	32
2008	40
2009	58
2010	80
2011	70
2012	37
2013	61
2014	41
2015	46
2016	48
2017	39

Notes

1. Number of applications having directions under section 22 remaining in force.

Section 9

Extensions of period for payment of patent renewal fees for IPO patents and EPO patents (designating UK)

Extension length	Number of Extensions of Renewal Fees					
	2016			2017		
	IPO patents	EPO Patents	All Patents	IPO patents	EPO Patents	All Patents
1 month	1,851	3,594	5,445	1,775	5,473	7,248
2 months	414	843	1,257	315	873	1,188
3 months	148	444	592	157	420	577
4 months	90	333	423	97	394	491
5 months	136	615	751	146	650	796
6 months	350	1,350	1,700	338	1,473	1,811
Total	2,989	7,179	10,168	2,828	9,283	12,111
	change on previous year			-5%	29%	19%

Notes

1. The period allowed for payment of a renewal fee may be extended by up to six months.

Section 10

Licences of right

Year	Licences of Right
2015	1,228
2016	1,306
2017	1,101

Notes

1. Some patent applicants may wish to let other people licence their patent, usually for a fee, and make this known publically.
2. These granted patents (both UK and EP(designating UK)) are recorded on a register and the applicant is entitled to pay renewal fees at half the normal rate.

Section 11

Miscellaneous ex parte post grant cases decided without a hearing or reasoned decision

	Amendments		Corrections		Cancellations of Licences of Right		Restorations		Surrender		Revocations (Cancellations)		Total Cases	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Filed	19	27	131	130	7	25	176	194	19	16	103	90	455	482
Withdrawn	10	10	13	29	1	0	13	5	0	1	12	5	49	50
Decided	1	10	113	88	6	25	153	174	19	14	84	57	376	368

Notes

1. Actions occurring after a patent has been granted, initiated by the applicant or the office.
2. The table presents the number of applications filed by applicants annually and the number withdrawn (or not proceeded with). The number of cases decided by the office without a hearing or reasoned decision is also given.
3. Amendments (s.27) – in certain circumstances it may be possible to amend a patent application after it has been granted.
4. Corrections (s.80 and s.117) – if a feature which has clearly been omitted by mistake and should have been in the application at the time it was filed, then a correction may be possible.
5. Cancellation of Licences of Right (s.47) – the applicant no longer wishes to offer licences of right and so resumes paying full renewal fees.
6. Restorations (s.28) – a patent may lapse so the applicant seeks to reinstate a patent.
7. Surrender (s.29) – an applicant gives up their granted patent so that it is no longer in force.
8. Revocations (s.73(1) and 73(2)) – terminating the granted patent because the patent is rendered invalid. This also happens when an EP(UK) with identical claims is granted.

Introduction to trade marks

A trade mark is a sign which can distinguish your goods and services from those of other traders. A sign includes, for example, words, logos, colours or a combination of these. You can use your trade mark as a marketing tool so that customers can recognise your products or services. As such, it can be a very valuable asset for your business.

A registered trade mark can help you if you want to take action against anyone who uses your mark or a similar mark on the same or similar goods and services to those that are set out in the registration.

Before attempting to protect your trade mark, you should remember we will object to words, logos, colours or other signs which are unlikely to be seen as a trade mark by the public. For example, marks which describe your goods or services or any characteristics of them (marks which show the quality, quantity, purpose, value or geographical origin of your goods or services); terms that have become customary in your line of trade (technical terms that are in common use); terms that are not distinctive (promotional advertising slogans); or a combination of these.

To be registrable, your trade mark must be distinctive for your goods and services (that you are applying to register the mark for).

We will also not accept marks which are offensive (taboo swear words), against the law (promoting illegal drug use), or deceptive (there should be nothing in your mark which would mislead the public). In addition, we will object to marks that contain specially protected emblems (the Red Cross or Olympic symbols).

NOTE: The UK joined the Madrid Protocol in April 1996. Since then, a holder of a trade marks registration in another country (which is a member of the Protocol) can apply through the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) to “designate” the UK for protection of that trade mark. The mark is examined in the UK for registrability in much the same way as an application via the national/domestic route in the IPO.

Section 1

UK domestic trade marks applied for and registered according to country of residence of applicant

	UK Domestic Applications				UK Domestic Registrations			
	Applications		Total Classes		Trade Marks		Total Classes	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
United Kingdom (total)	54,035	63,097	114,633	132,089	45,115	52,383	97,168	114,334
UK Regions								
Scotland	2,736	3,417	6,003	7,224	2,288	2,883	5,071	6,233
Wales	1,431	1,700	2,706	3,109	1,201	1,332	2,205	2,774
Northern Ireland	565	687	977	1,294	447	549	799	1,024
London	17,171	19,124	39,838	43,161	14,293	16,039	33,566	38,046
East Midlands	2,402	2,894	4,643	5,524	2,093	2,417	4,111	4,773
East of England	3,868	4,676	7,819	9,675	3,244	3,887	6,629	8,348
North East	1,116	1,382	2,373	2,949	940	1,046	2,084	2,214
North West	5,322	6,395	10,300	12,292	4,392	5,320	9,119	10,299
South East	8,023	9,490	16,495	19,482	6,739	7,965	13,862	17,405
South West	4,318	5,012	8,771	10,088	3,593	4,081	7,610	8,363
West Midlands	3,723	4,268	7,782	8,970	3,146	3,454	6,451	7,481
Yorkshire	3,281	3,956	6,777	8,132	2,666	3,321	5,518	7,198
Region not available	79	96	149	189	73	89	143	176

Afghanistan	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Algeria	1	0	7	0	1	0	7	0
Andorra	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Anguilla	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	3
Antigua and Barbuda	1	2	4	2	1	2	4	2
Argentina	22	12	22	12	24	9	24	9
Armenia	0	1	0	1		1		1
Australia	305	359	674	706	308	307	737	615
Austria	4	8	10	31	4	3	7	19
Bahamas	26	39	100	200	23	36	71	179
Bahrain	14	3	19	3	14	5	19	5
Bangladesh	3	4	5	6	1	4	1	10
Barbados	12	4	29	4	10	4	25	6
Belarus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Belgium	38	118	75	322	22	106	30	293
Belize	5	10	9	31	5	9	8	30
Bermuda	42	27	85	54	51	25	128	48
Brazil	10	29	20	65	8	21	17	47
British Virgin Islands	130	119	325	320	120	106	276	280
Brunei	7	1	12	4	9	1	28	4
Bulgaria	4	18	8	27	3	19	3	27
Canada	172	323	333	758	138	235	277	535
Cayman Islands	50	99	120	218	53	77	156	186

	UK Domestic Applications				UK Domestic Registrations			
	Applications		Total Classes		Trade Marks		Total Classes	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Channel Islands	240	210	626	679	209	192	538	585
Chile	17	14	18	14	11	13	12	13
China (People's Republic)	1,356	2,986	1,868	4,137	978	2,443	1,363	3,321
Colombia	8	7	10	13	8	7	9	10
Cook islands	0	1	0	1	0	1		1
Costa Rica	2	1	6	1	2	0	6	0
Croatia	2	1	3	1	2	0	3	0
Cuba	1	6	1	12	3	1	3	1
Curaçao	7	14	19	42	5	14	15	40
Cyprus	37	44	57	122	30	44	51	115
Czech Republic	2	9	9	22	3	7	6	24
Denmark	28	35	57	100	39	34	66	102
Dominica	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Dominican Republic	3	2	3	16	3	0	3	0
Ecuador	2	2	6	2	1	3	3	5
El Salvador	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Egypt	0	6	0	6	1	6	1	6
Estonia	3	16	4	22	4	12	5	16
Fiji	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0
Finland	9	12	16	16	6	10	15	11
France	184	240	469	565	156	226	384	573
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Germany	238	316	598	857	202	280	447	769
Ghana	2	2	4	2	1	1	3	1
Gibraltar	13	28	24	40	13	19	19	24
Greece	12	12	18	16	7	14	12	19
Grenada	0	9	0	9	0	1	0	1
Guatemala	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Hong Kong	265	449	569	1,384	205	395	406	1,107
Hungary	4	6	6	13	3	7	5	16
Iceland	8	8	9	11	7	4	7	7
India	94	153	198	286	95	131	168	240
Indonesia	5	14	6	19	3	13	4	17
Iran	2	6	5	12	2	3	5	8
Iraq	1	0	1	0	3	1	7	1
Republic of Ireland	267	320	710	773	217	309	617	791
Isle of Man	110	126	297	309	78	120	183	312
Israel	30	36	60	62	15	37	42	63
Italy	61	140	121	252	61	127	96	265
Jamaica	6	8	10	10	5	10	9	13
Japan	113	203	272	1,079	83	153	217	688
Jordan	3	9	4	15	3	5	6	10
Kazakhstan	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3

	UK Domestic Applications				UK Domestic Registrations			
	Applications		Total Classes		Trade Marks		Total Classes	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Kenya	0	2	0	11	0	2	0	11
Korea (Republic of South)	125	99	153	156	137	79	168	116
Kuwait	2	13	3	56	2	8	3	46
Latvia	3	5	6	9	2	4	2	8
Lebanon	5	9	7	13	2	7	6	12
Liechtenstein	1	11	3	41	1	2	3	7
Lithuania	6	4	14	6	4	2	8	2
Luxembourg	84	91	336	321	63	98	145	414
Macao	6	6	16	15	6	3	16	6
Macedonia	1	4	1	8	0	4	0	8
Malaysia	38	52	57	75	29	59	54	74
Malta	22	64	52	207	12	48	24	156
Marshall Islands	2	4	2	4	2	5	3	5
Mauritius	4	16	12	40	3	7	7	20
Mexico	70	36	99	55	20	66	43	83
Monaco	11	8	14	15	7	7	12	8
Montserrat	2	0	14	0	2	0	12	0
Morocco	1	0	4	0	1	0	4	0
Mozambique	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Namibia	3	1	3	1	1	0	1	0
Nepal	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	2
Netherlands	129	150	289	371	112	123	207	267
New Zealand	38	38	73	73	31	37	62	73
Nigeria	5	3	7	4	2	5	2	7
Norway	15	33	33	90	14	22	30	51
Oman	5	3	8	8	6	1	10	5
Pakistan	14	24	33	45	7	26	16	54
Panama	7	18	26	52	6	18	32	51
Papua New Guinea	1	10	1	37	0	1	0	1
Paraguay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peru	6	0	12	0	4	2	8	4
Phillipines	8	7	13	31	12	7	22	31
Poland	5	37	12	51	5	25	9	33
Portugal	24	14	50	19	15	16	31	28
Puerto Rico	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Qatar	4	8	7	23	0	7	0	9
Romania	2	9	5	16	1	7	2	11
Russia	13	16	33	33	5	14	12	33
Saint Kitts & Nevis	3	1	10	2	2	1	7	3
Saint Lucia	8	7	27	10	8	7	22	23
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0	4	0	9	0	4	0	9
Samoa	3	0	3	0	6	0	12	0

	UK Domestic Applications				UK Domestic Registrations			
	Applications		Total Classes		Trade Marks		Total Classes	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
San Marino	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0
Saudi Arabia	20	40	53	72	13	22	22	43
Serbia	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	1
Seychelles	6	6	20	16	9	10	25	20
Singapore	88	178	169	239	77	150	148	220
Slovakia	5	0	9	0	3	1	10	1
Slovenia	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0
Soloman Islands	14	1	14	3	2	11	2	13
South Africa	70	94	114	181	42	82	71	160
Spain	86	82	154	142	80	79	151	149
Sri Lanka	17	8	19	16	17	3	21	5
Suriname	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sweden	26	88	77	231	16	60	40	188
Switzerland	210	247	406	653	178	220	348	552
Syria	0	2	0	2	2	0	2	0
Taiwan	57	72	82	126	37	72	52	119
Tanzania	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Thailand	12	41	21	72	7	28	11	57
Togo	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0
Trinidad & Tobago	5	3	9	6	6	3	14	6
Tunisia	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Turkey	43	36	79	52	27	36	44	72
Turks and Caicos Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ukraine	1	9	1	19	1	6	1	9
United Arab Emirates	98	164	223	371	78	117	160	319
United States of America	2,225	3,503	4,762	6,934	1,629	3,176	3,367	6,392
Uruguay	0	1	0	5	0	1	0	5
Uzbekistan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Venezuela	0	2	0	4	0	2	0	4
Vietnam	0	3	0	3	0	1	0	1
Total	61,681	75,121	130,230	156,837	51,136	62,809	109,219	135,822
Percentage increase year on year		22%		20%		23%		24%

Notes

1. Total number of applications filed and registered and the total number of classes filed and registered by country of the owner.
2. UK applications and registrations are broken down by region.

Section 2

International registrations applied for and protected according to office of origin

National office of origin	International Registrations designating the UK				International Registrations designating the UK Protected			
	Registrations Applied for		Total Classes Applied for		Registrations Protected		Total Classes Protected	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Albania	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	0
Algeria	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Armenia	8	4	9	4	2	6	3	6
Australia	378	809	761	1,785	346	681	795	1,438
Austria	35	56	77	146	33	52	76	124
Azerbaijan	2	1	90	4	2	1	90	4
Belarus	11	12	35	27	12	7	39	21
Benelux	103	228	240	570	95	190	229	415
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	1	3	1	1	1	3	1
Bulgaria	27	58	47	132	16	53	22	105
China (People's Republic)	601	1,046	937	1,718	431	940	741	1,399
Colombia	0	2	0	2	2	1	2	1
Croatia	4	8	6	17	9	4	44	8
Cuba	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	1
Curacao	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cyprus	6	7	9	16	2	8	4	15
Czech Republic	21	31	52	99	14	38	28	89
Denmark	7	24	15	74	8	23	18	49
Egypt	4	5	10	9	3	5	6	14
Estonia	4	3	7	4	6	2	16	2
EU - IPO	56	405	135	1,171	8	288	14	722
Finland	16	17	35	50	14	12	27	25
France	333	578	925	1,589	318	501	832	1,267
Georgia	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Germany	241	792	644	2,673	169	622	452	1,863
Ghana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greece	6	5	10	11	2	7	4	9
Hungary	29	12	48	15	15	21	21	33
Iceland	6	8	12	55	2	5	5	8
India	9	58	17	73	10	47	19	71
Iran	10	10	45	25	13	9	51	20
Republic of Ireland	19	27	21	27	3	35	3	37
Israel	2	31	2	51	3	23	5	34
Italy	80	172	160	383	70	144	134	285
Japan	116	300	207	710	89	256	238	514
Kazakhstan	2	4	4	7	0	5	0	10
Kenya	0	4	0	7	0	2	0	5

National office of origin	International Registrations designating the UK				International Registrations designating the UK Protected			
	Registrations Applied for		Total Classes Applied for		Registrations Protected		Total Classes Protected	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Korea (Republic of South)	66	131	80	204	75	92	95	151
Kyrgyzstan	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	2
Latvia	10	15	18	21	7	16	17	23
Liechtenstein	8	12	9	29	6	11	20	15
Lithuania	5	7	8	15	6	6	13	12
Macedonia	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0
Madagascar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mexico	2	7	3	14	5	2	11	4
Moldova	11	11	22	21	4	13	7	22
Monaco	1	22	2	96	2	14	3	61
Mongolia	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
Montenegro	5	3	30	21	1	6	1	37
Morocco	9	17	17	45	7	12	7	28
Mozambique	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	56	89	101	177	33	85	48	162
Norway	17	64	38	152	13	48	32	107
Phillipines	4	7	5	11	9	6	11	9
Poland	27	40	66	122	21	41	56	112
Portugal	15	31	24	54	18	24	32	44
Romania	6	6	14	11	4	8	6	18
Russian Federation	127	221	423	587	122	199	427	550
Rwanda	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Marino	1	4	1	10	0	5	0	7
Serbia	24	16	45	41	10	23	15	57
Sierra Leone	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Singapore	36	129	81	286	36	99	74	213
Slovakia	4	6	7	17	4	6	6	16
Slovenia	6	10	22	22	9	7	20	12
Spain	49	42	102	83	30	53	47	103
Sweden	11	25	24	69	10	16	32	30
Switzerland	285	548	718	1,483	203	490	476	1,200
Tajikistan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tunisia	1	9	3	14	1	6	3	9
Turkey	151	245	307	485	160	184	309	357
Ukraine	50	54	145	121	44	53	126	126
United States of America	893	2,340	1,280	3,934	537	2,014	814	3,150
Uzbekistan	1	1	4	1	1	1	4	1
Vietnam	9	26	15	44	7	21	9	36
Total	4,029	8,863	8,179	19,656	3,086	7,553	6,646	15,270
Percentage increase year on year		120%		140%		145%		130%

Notes

1. Total number of International Registrations filed and protected and the total number of classes filed and protected by office of origin.

Section 3

Classification of trade marks for goods and services published and registered

Classification	National UK Total Classes Applied For		National UK Total Classes Published		National UK Total Classes Registered		International Registrations Designating the UK Total Classes Applied For		International Registrations Designating the UK Total Classes Published		International Registrations Designating the UK Total Classes Protected	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Class 1 - Chemical products used in industry, science etc	900	1,095	787	949	741	969	148	293	131	278	121	272
Class 2 - Paints, varnishes, lacquers etc	426	475	400	419	388	422	45	115	46	101	39	95
Class 3 - Cleaning preparations, soaps, perfumes etc	3,365	4,381	3,044	3,884	2,600	3,746	306	665	291	575	256	531
Class 4 - Industrial oils and greases, candles, tapers, etc	681	841	639	737	613	695	30	96	36	70	37	65
Class 5 - Pharmaceutical, veterinary and sanitary substances, infants' and invalids' foods etc	2,740	3,297	2,571	2,947	2,335	2,881	397	781	361	716	267	697
Class 6 - Unwrought and partly wrought common metals etc	1,288	1,455	1,160	1,343	1,085	1,278	122	284	113	256	101	225
Class 7 - Machines and machine tools, motors (except for vehicles) etc	1,264	1,520	1,165	1,424	1,032	1,370	171	480	163	425	142	358
Class 8 - Hand tools and instruments; cutlery, forks and spoons; side arms	779	996	750	893	704	837	77	171	74	136	63	132
Class 9 - Scientific, nautical and surveying and electrical apparatus and instruments (including wireless etc)	11,208	13,710	10,539	12,379	9,357	11,994	798	2,303	702	1,989	582	1,766
Class 10 - Surgical, medical, dental and veterinary instruments and apparatus	1,260	1,536	1,175	1,411	1,086	1,361	149	447	138	378	96	355
Class 11 - Installations for lighting, cooking, etc	1,977	2,585	1,799	2,399	1,638	2,294	189	440	162	390	146	316
Class 12 - Vehicles: apparatus for locomotion by land air or water	1,363	1,719	1,274	1,486	1,181	1,373	181	342	149	311	133	288
Class 13 - Firearms, ammunition etc	96	68	88	61	78	68	13	23	14	20	15	18
Class 14 - Precious metals and their alloys etc	1,963	2,250	1,685	2,115	1,449	2,087	156	343	148	301	134	284
Class 15 - Musical instruments (other than talking machines and wireless apparatus	168	236	152	212	140	193	15	27	17	21	13	20
Class 16 - Paper and paper articles, stationery, office requisites etc	5,702	6,576	5,411	6,053	4,955	5,929	240	590	229	488	222	427

Classification	National UK Total Classes Applied For		National UK Total Classes Published		National UK Total Classes Registered		International Registrations Designating the UK Total Classes Applied For		International Registrations Designating the UK Total Classes Published		International Registrations Designating the UK Total Classes Protected	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Class 17 - Rubber, gutta-percha, gum etc	522	625	459	579	423	569	66	178	61	154	59	135
Class 18 - Leather, skins, umbrellas, harness etc	2,394	3,270	2,282	2,977	2,179	2,782	198	453	181	396	162	358
Class 19 - Building materials, road making materials, etc	1,339	1,483	1,211	1,377	1,145	1,310	114	207	114	181	94	184
Class 20 - Furniture, articles of wood, cork etc	2,131	2,782	1,960	2,583	1,857	2,377	139	334	130	297	116	258
Class 21 - Small domestic utensils and containers (not precious metal) glassware, etc	2,211	3,120	2,057	2,857	1,896	2,666	157	384	152	309	126	295
Class 22 - Rope, string, nets, tents, raw fibrous textile materials, etc	302	379	279	337	276	309	30	67	28	54	22	55
Class 23 - Yarns; threads	127	150	116	133	108	142	8	24	9	21	6	19
Class 24 - Tissues (piece goods) bed and table covers etc	1,393	1,753	1,331	1,607	1,249	1,563	109	243	103	194	95	182
Class 25 - Clothing including boots, shoes and slippers	8,252	10,525	7,486	9,393	6,754	8,605	438	889	422	787	366	730
Class 26 - Lace and embroidery; ribbons and braids; artificial flowers etc	918	791	683	885	513	949	38	64	43	47	38	49
Class 27 - Carpets, rugs etc	478	625	458	587	428	553	23	75	25	57	22	54
Class 28 - Games etc	2,983	4,003	2,899	3,606	2,620	3,427	165	469	153	393	143	350
Class 29 - Meat, fish, poultry and game; meat extracts, etc	2,463	2,839	2,254	2,508	2,107	2,379	186	318	160	293	135	282
Class 30 - Coffee tea, cocoa, sugar, rice etc	3,769	4,301	3,441	3,838	3,161	3,642	271	508	235	468	207	453
Class 31 - Agricultural, horticultural and forestry products, fresh fruits etc	1,214	1,362	1,081	1,221	1,020	1,174	83	171	66	157	65	145
Class 32 - Beer, ale, porter, mineral and aerated waters etc	2,393	2,805	2,147	2,527	1,983	2,372	161	284	142	260	110	253
Class 33 - Wines, spirits and liqueurs	2,052	2,757	1,808	2,425	1,570	2,210	257	331	231	334	181	325
Class 34 - Tobacco, raw or manufactured; smokers' articles, matches	705	1,121	665	978	576	908	41	64	31	56	30	46
Class 35 - Advertising; business management; business administration etc	12,858	15,326	11,923	13,787	10,742	13,371	693	1,688	665	1384	616	1253

Classification	National UK Total Classes Applied For		National UK Total Classes Published		National UK Total Classes Registered		International Registrations Designating the UK Total Classes Applied For		International Registrations Designating the UK Total Classes Published		International Registrations Designating the UK Total Classes Protected	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Class 36 - Insurance; financial affairs; monetary affairs; etc	5,017	5,927	4,782	5,273	4,228	5,172	181	546	176	456	171	389
Class 37 - Building; construction, repair; installation services	3,123	3,661	2,861	3,257	2,627	3,209	137	421	139	354	120	310
Class 38 - Telecommunications	3,520	3,533	3,246	3,466	2,859	3,453	167	485	165	382	152	324
Class 39 - Transportation, packaging and storage	2,407	2,873	2,264	2,556	2,071	2,439	149	371	161	302	146	268
Class 40 - Treatment of material	1,187	1,376	1,088	1,308	1,055	1,259	73	188	71	149	57	138
Class 41 - Education; entertainment; sporting and cultural applications	12,854	14,631	11,758	12,871	10,704	12,545	383	1,078	342	921	308	813
Class 42 - Scientific and technological services and research and design relating thereto ; industrial analysis and research services; design and development of computer hardware and software; legal services.	7,576	8,942	7,120	8,054	6,356	7,874	477	1,403	437	1166	371	1035
Class 43 - Services for providing food or drink ; temporary accommodation	4,626	5,511	4,356	4,932	4,036	4,588	172	407	173	344	151	311
Class 44 - Medical services; veterinary services, hygienic and beauty care for human beings or animals ; agriculture, horticulture and forestry services	3,485	4,298	3,150	3,707	2,859	3,591	118	341	117	264	104	234
Class 45 - Personal and social services rendered by others to meet the needs of individuals ; security services for the protection of property and individuals	2,751	3,328	2,717	2,922	2,435	2,887	108	268	104	216	106	173
Totals	130,230	156,837	120,521	141,263	109,219	135,822	8,179	19,656	7,610	16,851	6,646	15,270
Percentage increase year on year		20%		17%		24%		140%		121%		130%

Notes

1. Total number of trade marks by class applied for, published and registered by National UK and International Registrations Designating the UK.
2. Since the implementation of the new Trade marks Act on 31 October 1994 applicants have been able to file an application (multi-class application) covering more than one class of goods and services.
3. Trade marks are classified according to the Nice classification. This is an international classification system of

goods (classes 1 - 34) and services (classes 35 - 45).

Section 4

Trade mark applications top 10

Rank	2016			2017		
	Organisation	Country	Applications	Organisation	Country	Applications
1	Glaxo Group Limited	UK	141	Apple Inc.	USA	122
2	Topps Tiles IP Company Limited	UK	82	Independent Vetcare Limited	UK	101
3	Dallas Burston Ethitronix Ltd	UK	59	Atom Supplies Limited	UK	93
4	Evorin Pharma Limited	UK	57	TWG TEA COMPANY PTE LTD	Singapore	89
5	Aldi Stores Limited	UK	53	Johnson & Johnson	USA	82
6	Independent Vetcare Limited	UK	53	Target Brands, Inc.	USA	76
7	Grupo Bimbo, S.A.B. de C.V.	Mexico	49	Islestarr Holdings Limited	UK	68
8	Orion Corporation	Korea (Republic of South)	48	Topps Tiles IP Company Limited	UK	59
9	Johnson & Johnson	USA	43	adp Gauselmann GmbH	Germany	58
10	Gambling Commission	UK	40	High Street TV (Group) Ltd	UK	56
Top 10 total			625	Top 10 total		
Total applications in 2016			65,710	Total applications in 2017		

Notes

1. Top 10 companies (and partnerships) who filed the most trade mark applications in the latest two years.

Section 5

Trade mark registrations top 50

Ranking 2016	Ranking 2017	Organisation	Country	Registrations in 2017
*	1	Apple Inc.	USA	106
26	2	Johnson & Johnson	USA	83
6	3	Independent Vetcare Limited	UK	77
*	4	TWG Tea Company Pte Ltd	Singapore	72
*	5	adp Gauselmann GmbH	Germany	59
*	6	Atom Supplies Limited	UK	58
1	7	Glaxo Group Limited	UK	58
*	8	Hasbro, Inc.	USA	57
*	9	High Street TV (Group) Ltd	UK	56
3	10	Topps Tiles IP Company Limited	UK	56
31	11	Gambling Commission	UK	54
*	12	Syngenta Participations AG	Switzerland	53
*	13	Target Brands, Inc.	USA	52
*	14	Fashion One (Europe) N.V.	Belgium	51
25	15	J. & P. Coats, Limited	UK	49
*	16	Grupo Bimbo, S.A.B. de C.V.	Mexico	46
*	17	Jaguar Land Rover Limited	UK	45
32	18	Marshalls Mono Limited	UK	43
*	19	Islestarr Holdings Limited	UK	40
12	20	Unilever Plc	UK	39
*	21	Fuller Smith & Turner plc	UK	38
39	22	Marston's PLC	UK	38
*	23	The Procter & Gamble Company	USA	38
*	24	Société des Produits Nestlé S.A.	Switzerland	36
10	25	Aldi Stores Limited	UK	35
*	26	HUAWEI TECHNOLOGIES CO., LTD.	China	35
*	27	MHS Radiators Limited	UK	35
*	28	Viola Group Limited	UK	35
*	29	DAIICHI SANKYO COMPANY, LIMITED	Japan	33
*	30	Halewood International Brands Limited	UK	33
2	31	Sky Plc	UK	33
*	32	Bluespur Limited	UK	32
*	33	Easy Question Limited	UK	32
*	34	Gilead Sciences Ireland UC	Ireland	32
*	35	Euro Games Technology Ltd.	Bulgaria	31
*	36	Royal College of Occupational Therapists	UK	30
*	37	Adey Holdings (2008) Limited	UK	29
*	38	Whyte and Mackay Limited	UK	29
7	39	Aggregate Industries UK Limited	UK	28
*	40	Associated Newspapers Limited	UK	28
23	41	Broadland Wineries Ltd	UK	28

Ranking 2016	Ranking 2017	Organisation	Country	Registrations in 2017
*	42	J Sainsbury plc	UK	27
*	43	Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp.	USA	27
46	44	ViiV Healthcare UK (No.3) Limited	UK	27
*	45	Zalando GmbH	Germany	27
*	46	Chi Fat Au-Yeung	UK	26
*	47	Colgate-Palmolive Company	USA	25
*	48	OSRAM GmbH	Germany	25
*	49	Alliance Wine Company Limited	UK	24
*	50	Electronic Arts Inc.	USA	24
Top 50 total				2,074

Notes

* denotes not previously in top 50

Section 6 Maintenance of the trade mark register

Renewals and Registrations	2016	2017
No. of registrations renewable	55,962	61,410
No. of registrations renewed by application	26,323	30,323
No. of classes renewed	46,703	54,236
No. of lapsed registrations restored and renewed (not including above)	116	105

Notes

1. Breakdown of the number of trade mark renewals by application and by class.

Introduction to designs

A registered design protects the visual appearance of a product, part of a product, or its ornamentation. This can also apply to an industrial or handicraft item. This IP right gives no protection for how a product works but merely for its appearance. That appearance can be affected by a number of contributory features including:

- lines
- contours
- colours
- shape
- texture
- material

The protection lasts for five years and you can renew it every five years, for up to 25 years.

Section 1

Applications for Design Registration according to Country of Residence of Applicant

	Applications Filed	
	2016	2017
United Kingdom	8,738	16,635
Albania	0	1
Algeria	0	5
Antigua and Barbuda	1	0
Argentina	0	2
Australia	13	72
Austria	0	6
Belgium	1	8
Brazil	0	11
British Virgin Islands	15	0
Canada	14	11
Cayman Islands	0	1
Channel Islands	4	55
Chile	0	0
China	443	366
Croatia	1	0
Cyprus	0	9
Denmark	1	10
Estonia	0	5
Finland	0	1
France	31	147
Germany	134	75
Gibraltar	10	0
Greece	1	0
Hong Kong	42	16
India	1	6
Indonesia	1	0
Iran	0	1

	Applications Filed	
	2016	2017
Irish Republic	45	49
Isle of Man	0	3
Israel	2	4
Italy	6	91
Japan	17	18
Korea, Republic of	11	20
Latvia	0	0
Lebanon	0	1
Luxembourg	0	44
Malaysia	1	2
Malta	0	1
Mauritius	1	4
Netherlands	0	111
New Zealand	1	6
Norway	0	7
Papua New Guinea	2	0
Philippines	0	10
Portugal	0	1
Qatar	20	1
Romania	0	6
Russia	0	1
Samoa	1	0
Saudi Arabia	0	1
Seychelles	0	0
Singapore	1	34
South Africa	1	3
Sri Lanka	2	3
Spain	0	0
Sweden	0	22
Switzerland	33	156
Taiwan	6	26
Tanzania	0	0
Thailand	0	0
Turkey	0	25
Ukraine	1	0
United Arab Emirates	1	21
United States of America	427	1,130
Vietnam	0	25
Total	10,030	19,269
year on year increase		92%

Notes

1. Number of designs filed according to country of residence of first named applicant.

Section 2

Design Applications and Registrations from the UK by Region

Region	Applications Filed		Designs Registered	
	2016	2017	2016	2017
East Midlands	362	754	312	653
East of England	952	1,630	872	1,559
London	2,043	3,968	1,795	3,527
North East	135	348	114	286
North West	875	2,132	786	1,918
Northern Ireland	43	131	34	109
Scotland	464	639	390	578
South East	1,094	2,467	907	2,137
South West	979	1,189	698	986
Wales	317	634	309	541
West Midlands	625	1,492	572	1,323
Yorkshire & The Humber	641	1,197	575	1,123
Other	208	54	213	57
Total	8,738	16,635	7,577	14,797

Notes

1. Number of designs filed and registered by applicant UK region.

Section 3

Design applications by classification of goods

2017		
Locarno Class Number	Class	Applications filed
1	Foodstuffs	122
2	Clothing haberdashery	1,699
3	Travel goods/cases	1,015
4	Brushware	143
5	Textiles	230
6	Furnishing	1,684
7	Household goods	613
8	Tools and Hardware	727
9	Packages etc	667
10	Clocks watches etc	289
11	Articles of adornment	1,357
12	Transport/hoisting	452
13	Electricity	210
14	Recording/communication	889
15	Machines not elsewhere specified	287
16	Photographic/optical	91
17	Musical Instruments	21
18	Printing and office machinery	31
19	Stationery/artists equipment	1,003
20	Sales/advertising/signs	217
21	Games,/toys/sports goods	1,225
22	Arms/hunting/fishing	78
23	Fluid dist/sanitary/air conditioning	419
24	Medical/laboratory equipment	424
25	Building/construction	604
26	Lighting/apparatus	392
27	Tobacco and smokers articles	42
28	Pharmaceutical/cosmetic	530
29	Fire/accident prevention	45
30	Care and handling of animals	483
31	Machines for food/drink preparation	18
32	Graphic symbols and logos, surface patterns	3,251
99	Miscellaneous	11
	Total	19,269

Notes

1. Number of applications filed by classification of goods.

Section 4

Design applicants for registration, top 10

Rank	2016		2017	
	Organisation	Designs registered	Organisation	Designs registered
1	Ian Taylor	263	CRIB DESIGN LTD	280
2	BENTLEY DESIGNS UK LTD	105	RED OCEAN INTERNATIONAL LIMITED	250
3	RAS Trading Europe Limited	101	Online Discount Store Ltd	235
4	Xiamen City Deme Stationery Co., Ltd	96	C Mascarenhas Limited	205
5	Ty Inc.	94	Fringoo Group Ltd	181
6	Luis Prtak	92	Ethicon LLC	175
7	Zhongshan City Dien Commodity Co., Ltd	91	Gecko Tshirts Ltd	170
8	Little New Designs Pte Ltd	84	Push Merchandising Ltd	154
9	Cardology Ltd	70	Hedkase Limited	141
10	Dalian Yingjizheng Mechanical Technology Co., Ltd	63	Ty Inc.	130
Top 10 total		1,059	Top 10 total	1,921

Notes

1. Top 10 companies (and partnerships) who had the most designs granted in the latest two years.
2. Only applications with company names supplied are considered. Individuals have been removed.

Section 5

Design applicants for registration, top 50

Ranking	Organisation	Designs Registered
1	CRIB DESIGN LTD	280
2	RED OCEAN INTERNATIONAL LIMITED	250
3	Online Discount Store Ltd	235
4	C Mascarenhas Limited	205
5	Fringoo Group Ltd	181
6	Ethicon LLC	175
7	Gecko Tshirts Ltd	170
8	Push Merchandising Ltd	154
9	Hedkase Limited	141
10	Ty Inc.	130
11	A Little Present Limited	129
12	Dyson Technology Limited	127
13	Dotty About Design Ltd	120
14	Carte Blanche Greetings Limited	120
15	SANOFI	101
16	Santoro Ltd	100
17	Starsign Fabrics Ltd	100
18	Koninklijke Philips N.V.	87
19	LSC International Trading LLC	87
20	Amazon Technologies, Inc.	85
21	Kays AutoSpecialists Limited	83
22	Bright Potato Limited	74
23	Geberit International AG	68
24	H & S Alliance UK Ltd	63
25	B & S Trendz Ltd	61
26	FriendshipCollar Ltd	60
27	Le Toy Van Ltd	60
28	Apples to Pears Ltd	59
29	Oneseat Ltd	55
30	APV TRADE SOLUTION LTD	54
31	Strong's Memorials Ltd	51
32	SQZAATHOME09 LTD	50
33	Thermoteknix Systems Ltd.	50
34	Xn8 Ltd	50
35	AQWA SPORTS LIMITED	50
36	ASR Interiors Ltd	50
37	G Decor Ltd	50
38	Gilead Sciences, Inc.	50
39	Sara Miller Design Ltd	50
40	Sourceable Limited	50
41	MSW PRINTING LIMITED	50

Ranking	Organisation	Designs Registered
42	NOMINATION S.R.L.	50
43	StealthMounts Limited	48
44	Penny Hydraulics Limited	47
45	61-54 Design Limited	46
46	B Medical Systems S.Ã r.l.	44
47	Stands Out Ltd	44
48	Sport Elevation Ltd	42
49	Centrica Connected Home Limited	42
50	Industrial Plastic Supplies Ltd	41
Top 50 Total		4,569

Notes

1. Top 50 companies (and partnerships) who had the most designs granted in the latest two years.

Section 6 Designs filed and registered

	Applications Filed				Designs Registered	
	Total	From Abroad	Claiming Priority under International Convention	year on year increase	Total	Year on year increase
2016	10,030	1,292	711		8,481	
2017	19,269	2,634	1,477	92%	17,195	103%

Notes

1. Number of designs filed and registered.
2. Breakdown of applications claiming priority and those from applicants based abroad.

Section 7 Renewals (Section 8(2) of the Registered Designs Act 1949)

	Design renewals				Total	year on year increase
	Extended for 2nd Period	Extended for 3rd period	Extended for 4th period	Extended for 5th period		
2016	982	471	1,485	707	3,645	
2017	1,087	530	1,469	919	4,005	10%

Notes

1. Registered designs renewed
2. Breakdown by renewal extension period.

Hearings

Section 1

Patent Hearings: Ex parte hearings and reasoned decisions made without a hearing (excluding reviews of opinions)

	Applications for Patents		Restorations		SPCs		Total	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Requested Hearing	48	82	0	4	2	1	50	87
Substantive decisions*	45	60	0	3	2	0	47	63
Procedural decisions / CMC*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Withdrawn	3	9	0	0	1	1	4	10
Appeals Heard by Courts	2	0	0	0	2	0	4	0

Notes

* A decision may relate to more than one patent application or granted patent.

- Where objections are raised against a patent application or granted patent, a hearing may be requested or the matter decided on the basis of papers filed (Requested Hearing). In both cases a decision is issued by the Office.
- A decision may be a substantive decision (Substantive Decisions). Procedural decisions are also issued and Case Management Conferences (CMC) may also be held by the Office (Procedural decisions/CMC).
- Requests may also be withdrawn by an applicant.
- The table includes the number of appeals against an Office decision heard by the courts (Appeals heard by Courts).
- An appeal from a decision of the comptroller lies with the Patents Court. Further appeal may lie to the Court of Appeal or the Supreme Court. Questions arising from appeals may be referred to the European Court of Justice (CJEU).
- Supplementary protection certificates (SPCs) compensate patent holders for the loss of effective protection that results from the time taken to obtain regulatory approval.
- SPCs do not extend the term of patents, but give similar protection. They protect a specific pharmaceutical or plant protection product authorised.

Section 2

Patent Hearings: Inter partes hearings, and reasoned decisions made without a hearing

	Ownership ¹		Revocation (Cancellation) ²		Oppositions ³		Declaration of non-infringement ⁴		Licences ⁵		Reviews of opinions ⁶		Total	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Filed	18	24	6	4	3	2	3	1	0	0	1	7	31	38
Substantive decisions	16	13	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	19	22
Procedural decisions / CMC	3	2	3	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	-	-	8	6
Withdrawn	0	5	2	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	11
Appeals Heard by Courts	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Notes

1. Ownership: includes applications under Sections 8, 10, 12 and 37 and applications under Sections 13 and 40
2. Revocation (cancellation): includes applications under Section 72
3. Oppositions: include oppositions under Sections 27(5), 75(2) and 117(2)
4. Declarations of non-infringement: include applications under Section 71
5. Licences: include applications under Sections 46(3) and 48(1) and oppositions under Sections 47(6) and 52(1)
6. Reviews of opinions: A patent proprietor or exclusive licensee may object to an opinion and apply for a review.

Various disputes relating to a patent application or granted patent can be referred to the comptroller decide.

Table shows the number of disputes filed according to type, the number of Substantive and Procedural decisions issued by the Office and the number of cases Withdrawn by claimants.

The table includes the number of appeals against an Office decision heard by the courts. An appeal from a decision of the comptroller lies with the Patents Court. Further appeals may lie with the Court of Appeal or the Supreme Court.

Section 3

Patent Hearings: Opinions as to validity or infringement

	Total	
	2016	2017
Filed	31	25
Issued	26	18
Refused	0	0
Withdrawn	2	1

Notes

1. Table shows the number of requests for an opinion Filed or Withdrawn - by a requester, and Refused and Issued - by the Office.
2. A request for a non-binding opinion may be filed where a dispute relates to infringement of a patent or the validity of a patent.
3. Infringing a patent means manufacturing, using, selling or importing a patented product or process without the patent owner's permission.
4. An opinion relating to validity can consider only issues of novelty or inventive step.

Section 4

Trade Mark Hearings: Objections, Hearings and Appeals

Hearings - Ex Parte (a) -	2016	2017
Number appointed	709	635
Number postponed etc	60	51
Number withdrawn before Hearings	26	25
Number taken	625	559
Number not yet taken	110	55
Refusals		
Written grounds issued	7	4
Appeals to Appointed Person (Ex Parte cases)		
Pending at beginning of year	2	2
Lodged during the year	3	4
Withdrawn	0	0
Dismissed	3	3
Allowed	1	0
Transferred to High Court	0	0
Decision set aside, Referred back to Registry	0	0
Pending at end of year	2	2
Appeals made direct to the Court (Ex Parte cases)		
Pending at beginning of year	0	0
Lodged during the year	0	0
Withdrawn	0	0
Dismissed	0	0
Allowed	0	0
Referred to ECJ	0	0
Pending at end of year	0	0

Notes

1. Number of hearings and appeals against Trade Marks by parties independent of IPO Office.
2. Ex-parte proceedings (a) covers applications under Section 37 of the Trade Marks Act 1994. Applicants/attorneys have the right to request a hearing when objections to the registrability of a mark are raised during examination.
3. Decisions of the Office can be appealed to an independent party specialising in Intellectual Property issues (Appeals to the Appointed Person) or to the Court (Appeals made directly to Court).

Section 5

Trade Mark Hearings: Oppositions to Trade Mark Registration

Oppositions before the Registrar:	2016	2017
Pending at beginning of year	1,599	1,752
Filed during the year	2,296	2,983
Fast Track Oppositions*	163	224
Total Oppositions Filed	2,459	3,207
Withdrawn -		
- applications	963	1,175
- oppositions	750	785
Oppositions refused	98	107
Oppositions allowed	150	165
Pending at end of year	1,752	2,226
Main Hearings on Oppositions (a)	82	73
Appeals to Appointed Person (Opposition/Post Registration cases)	2016	2017
Pending at beginning of year	43	49
Lodged during year	62	55
Withdrawn	4	7
Dismissed	30	20
Allowed	9	7
Transferred to High Court	2	0
Decision set aside, referred back to Registry	1	0
Pending at end of year	49	44
Appeals made direct to the Court (Opposition cases)	2016	2017
Pending at beginning of year	18	13
Lodged during the year	5	5
Withdrawn	1	0
Dismissed	1	1
Allowed	0	2
Referred to ECJ	0	0
Pending at end of year	13	21

Notes

- * Fast Track Oppositions service began on 1 October 2013
 - (a) In addition 171 decisions were made from the papers, 95 case management conferences, 25 interlocutory hearings/joint hearings were held during the year.
1. Oppositions filed against Trade Marks.
 2. Once an application for registration has been accepted by the registry it is published in the Trade Marks Journal and open to opposition.
 3. Oppositions may be filed in respect of all or some of the goods and/or services for which registration of the trade mark is sought. The opposition period is two months (extendable to three months).

4. At the conclusion of the proceedings an IPO Hearing Officer will make a decision either from the papers on file, or following a hearing (Oppositions before the Registrar).
5. IPO decisions can be appealed to an independent party specialising in Intellectual Property issues (Appeals to the Appointed Person, Oppositions/Post Registration Cases) or to the Court. (Appeals made directly to Court, Oppositions cases).

Section 6

Trade Mark Hearings: Revocation/Invalidity/Rectification

Applications to Registrar	2016	2017
Pending at beginning of year	460	241
Filed in year (revocation / invalidity) (a)	408	400
Filed in year (rectification)		480
Withdrawn	147	184
Unsuccessful	12	30
Successful / Partially successful	154	153
Pending at end of year	241	425
Main Hearings (b)	30	37
Applications direct to Court		
Pending at beginning of year	34	39
Lodged in year	7	10
Withdrawn	2	1
Refused	0	0
Allowed	0	0
Pending at end of year	39	48

Notes

- (a) Of which 250 are revocations and 158 are invalidations
 - (b) In addition 31 decisions were made from the papers without a hearing, 30 case management conferences, 5 interlocutory hearings/joint hearings
1. Applications for revocation, invalidation and rectification under Section 46,47, 60 and 64 - these procedures are combined in the table.
 2. Applications can be made to the IPO Registrar (Applications to Registrar), to the court as applications against the IPO Registrar (Appeals direct to Court: Post Registration cases) or direct applications can be made to Court (Applications direct to Court).
 3. Revocation is the legal procedure which allows anyone to seek the removal of a registered trade mark from the UK register. It is possible to apply in respect of all or only some of the goods and/or services for which the trade mark is registered.
 4. Invalidation is the legal procedure to cancel a registered trade mark and takes the same form as an opposition to a trade mark application.
 5. Rectification is the procedure which allows anyone to apply to correct (rectify) an error or an omission that has been made in the details of a trade mark recorded in the UK register.

Section 7

Design Hearings: Ex Parte Hearings and Appeals Under the Registered Designs Act 1949

	Hearings held and Outcome		Allowed to Proceed		Appeals to Tribunal		
	Hearings Held	Refused	With modification	Without modification	Dismissed	Allowed	Withdrawn
2016	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017	9	0	9	0	0	0	0

Notes

1. Number of hearings & appeals for design proceedings.
2. Ex-parte proceedings covers applications under Section 37 of the Trade Marks Act 1994. When an objection to the registrability of a mark is raised during the examination process the applicant/attorney can request a hearing with an IPO Hearings Officer.
3. Based upon the facts presented at the Hearing, the IPO Hearings Officer will decide whether the objection can be waived or maintained.

Section 8

Design Hearings: Cancellation under Sections 11 & 11(2) and Invalidation under Section 11ZB of the Registered Designs Act 1949 (as amended)

	Filed		Decided		Allowed		Refused		Appeals Heard	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Cancellation by Registered Proprietor	10	10	0	0	10	10	0	0	0	0
Invalidations by Third Party	29	55	18	8	11	6	7	1	0	1

Notes

1. Number of Cancellations/Invalidation proceedings.
2. Cancellation is the legal procedure to remove a registered design from the UK register by the proprietor of the Trade Mark (Cancellation by Registered Proprietor).
3. Invalidation is the legal procedure to remove a registered design from the UK register by the third party (Invalidations by Third Party).
4. At the conclusion of the proceedings IPO Hearing Officer will make a decision either from the papers on file or following a hearing.
5. The IPO Hearing Officer's decision can be appealed to the Court (Appeals Heard).

Section 9

Design Hearings: Proceedings under Sections 246 and 247 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988

	Design Right Section 246		Design Right Licences of right Section 247		Totals	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
Filed	0	0	0	0	0	0
Withdrawn	0	0	0	0	0	0
Decided	0	0	1	0	1	0
Appeals Heard by Court	0	0	0	0	0	0

Notes

1. Number of disputes Filed, Withdrawn - by an applicant and Decided - by the Office under sections 246 and 247 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988.
2. Certain disputes relating to design right can be referred to the comptroller to decide.
3. Disputes under section 246 relate to the subsistence of a design right, the term of a design right or the identity of the person who has the first claim to the design right.
4. Disputes under section 247 relate to applications to settle terms of licences of right.
5. The table also includes data relating to the number of appeals against an Office decision heard by the courts (Appeals Heard by Courts). An appeal from a decision of the comptroller lies with the Patents Court. Further appeals may lie with the Court of Appeal or the Supreme Court.

Patent metadata

Title: IPO facts and figures - Patent data 2015-2016

Data: Snapshot of IPO patent data for applications, publications, grants, international patent classification (IPC), requests for search and examination, renewal fees, green channel applications, supplementary protection certificates (SPC), national security patents, extensions, licences of right, hearings.

Date taken: 2016 data captured March 2017
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Design metadata

Title: IPO facts and figures - Design data 2015-2016

Data: Snapshot of IPO design data for applications, registrations, renewals.

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Hearing metadata

Title: IPO facts and figures - Hearing data 2015-2016

Data: Snapshot of IPO Hearing data for; Patent hearings, opinions & decisions; Trade Mark hearings, objections, appeals, oppositions and applications for revocation / invalidity / rectification; Design hearings, appeals, cancellations, invalidations.

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