



Cleantech and intellectual property

As the world is moving toward cleaner technologies, Canada continues to take on the role of a global leader in clean technology. The benefits to Canadians abound, including, for instance, helping us reach our climate change goals and creating more well-paying jobs across the country.

Canada recognized as a global clean innovator!

Canadian companies have been rewarded for their efforts and exceptional leadership in cleantech. In fact, 13 Canadian companies are featured on this year's Global Cleantech 100 list, bumping Canada up from the 7th to the 4th spot among cleantech innovators, as highlighted in The Global Cleantech Innovation Index 2017.

Stay informed on cleantech and other innovation efforts by consulting the Innovation Canada website and CIPO's IP for business page.

So how are Canadian intellectual property (IP) and clean technologies related, and how can they benefit your business? Here are a few examples:

- 1 CIPO becomes a WIPO GREEN partner!**

In 2017, the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) became one of only two WIPO GREEN partners in all of Canada. WIPO GREEN is an interactive marketplace that promotes innovation and the diffusion of green technologies. The WIPO GREEN network facilitates commercial relationships and transactions by connecting green technology providers and seekers.
- 2 We offer an expedited process for patent applications related to cleantech!**

CIPO currently provides an expedited process for patent applications relating to cleantech. Patents are an often-used form of IP in the industry that prevents others from making, using or selling your invention for up to 20 years in Canada.

Our accelerated service is intended to assist in reducing the time it takes to patent cleantech inventions, enabling businesses to bring them to market more rapidly.

How do I apply for an expedited examination?

- 1 Submit a written request** to the patent office asking for an expedited examination.
- 2 Submit a declaration** stating that your application relates to clean technology and that commercializing it would help to resolve or mitigate environmental impacts or conserve the natural environment and resources (see subsection 28(1) of the Patent Rules).

Important considerations

- No additional fee is required for the accelerated examination service of patent applications related to clean technologies.
- If you let the expedited patent application lapse due to abandonment or request a time extension, your application will be removed from the expedited examination process.

