



including GUI, an explanation of usage of the GUI, the area in the product where the GUI is arranged, the manner of human-machine interaction, and the changing status of the GUI shall be included if needed.”

The rest of this section is not revised.

III. Revision to Section 7.2, Chapter 3,

Part I

Last sentence of Paragraph 3 of Section 7.2, Chapter 3, Part I of the Examination Guidelines, that is, “the pattern of the product should be fixed and visible, and should not be present from time to time or visible only under certain circumstances” is deleted.

The rest of this section is not revised.

IV. Revision to Section 7.4, Chapter 3,

Part I

Item (11) in Paragraph 1 of Section 7.4, Chapter 3, Part I is revised as, “(11) game inter-

face and other image displayed on a product display device which are irrelevant to human-machine interaction or the implementation of product functions, such as electronic screen wallpaper, switching-on/switching-off image, graphic and literal layout of web page, etc.”

The rest of this section is not revised.

V. Revision to Section 6.1, Chapter 5,

Part IV

A new item is added after Item (4) of Paragraph 2, Section 6.1, Chapter 5, Part IV of the Examination Guidelines:

“ (5) As to a product design patent including GUI, if the rest parts of the design patent are common design, the GUI brings more distinctive influence to the integral visual effect of the product.”

The rest of this section is not revised.

This Decision shall come into force on May 1, 2014.

Announcement of the SIPO

(No. 206)

In order to facilitate the patent applicants to claim priority and improve the efficiency of patent application examination, the State Intellectual Property Office will commence the China-US electronic exchange service for priority documents from October 8, 2014 in accordance with Rule 31 of the *Implementing Regulations of the Patent Law of the People's Republic of China* and an agreement reached between the State Intellectual Property Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The relevant matters are hereby announced as follows:

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