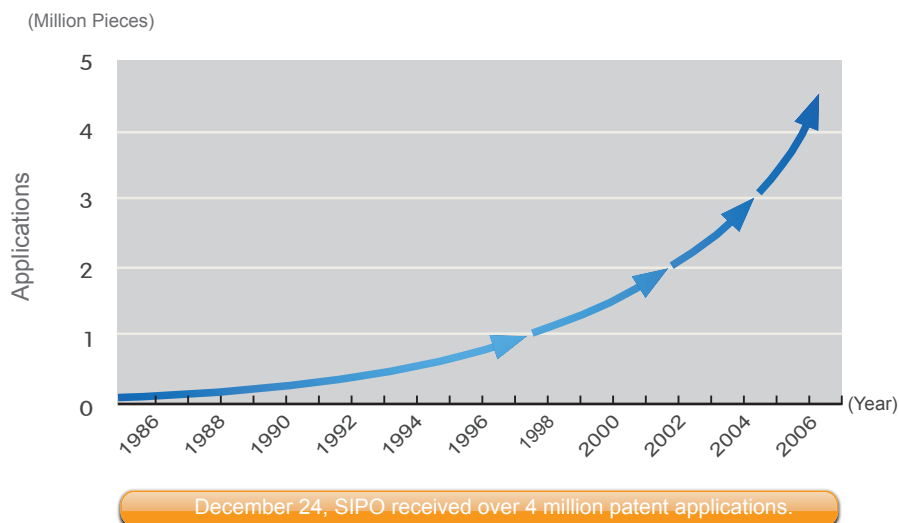


In support of WTO's objective of the promotion in development and developing countries' legitimate right to public health solution and access to necessary drugs, China filed its ratification of the amendment to the WTO Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) to WTO on November 28, 2007. Thirteen WTO members including China had ratified the amendment.

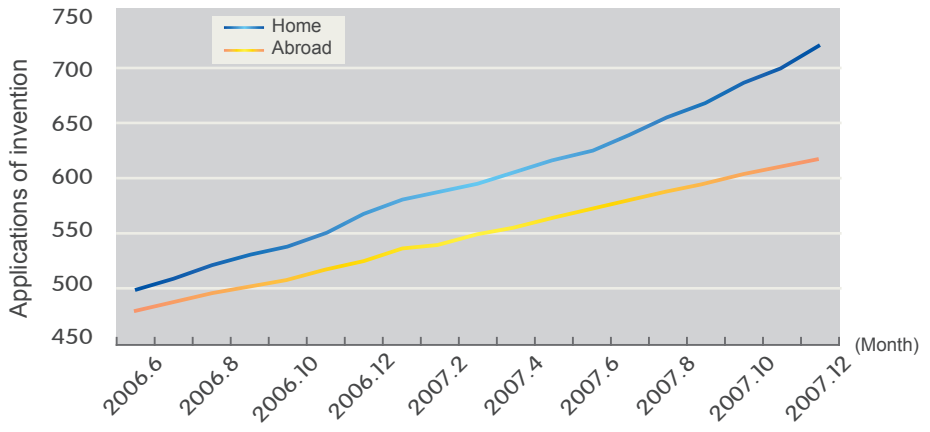
The amendment to the WTO Agreement on TRIPS, approved by WTO members on December 6, 2005, allows countries to override patent rights when necessary to export life-saving drugs to developing countries that face public health crises but cannot produce drugs for themselves. The amendment would not be effective until ratification of two thirds of WTO members.

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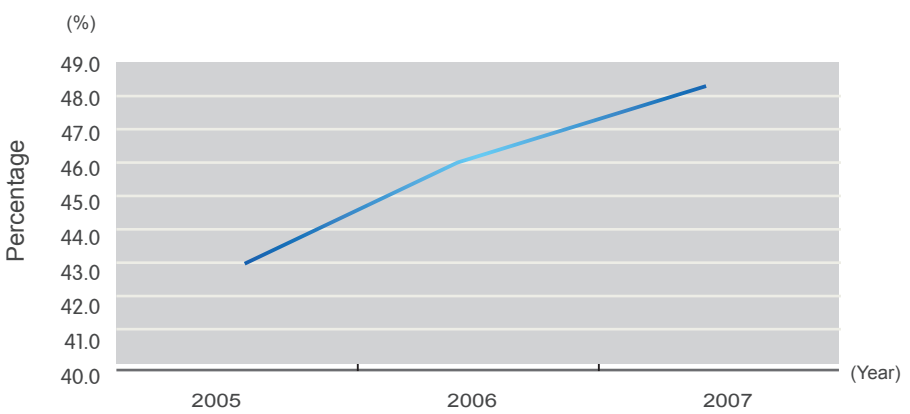
Several Characteristics of Increasing Trends of Chinese Patent Applications



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