

## APPENDIX D : CHINA/UK IP RIGHTS COMPARISON [RETURN] [INDEX]

Country/Form of IP Right		Maximum Initial Term from filing date; for copyright, from author's death (eg literary work)	Cost typical official fees, excluding legal representation	Time to Register typical period, from filing date	Extension Periods total = max extension term + initial term	Notes
UK						
Copyright		70 yrs	—	—	none	term depends on type of work
Patent		4 yrs	£200	2 - 3 yrs	16 x 1 yr (total 20 yrs)	renewal on an escalating scale
Design		5 yrs	£60	3 mths	4 x 5 yrs (total 25 yrs)	cost for first design
Trade Mark		10 yrs	£200	6 mths	10 yrs (unlimited)	
China						
Copyright		50 yrs	£20 – £140+	4 - 5 mths	none	approximate costs for recordal; new rates expected soon
Patent	Invention	20 yrs	£250	3 - 6 yrs	none	fee for application and examination
	Utility Model	10 yrs	£36	12 - 15 mths	none	
Industrial Design		10 yrs	£36	8 - 15 mths	none	
Trade Mark		10 yrs	£70	30 - 42 mths	10 yrs (unlimited)	validity from date of grant