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01 CHPT faces patent infringement suit by Technoprobe Court hands down interlocutory judgment

Chunghua Precision Test Tech. Co., Ltd. (CHPT) issued a material statement with respect to the patent infringement action initiated by Technoprobe S.P.A..

According to CHPT's statement, Technoprobe initiated this civil action with the IPC Court, alleging that CHPT infringed upon its Taiwan patent no. I705249, titled "Semi-Finished Product Comprising a Plurality of Contact Probes for a Testing Head and Related Manufacturing Method" (hereinafter the "subject Patent") and seeking damages of TWD31.65 million. After the trial proceedings for more than one year, the IPC Court made an interlocutory judgment on April 2, 2026, finding that CHPT's certain semi-finished probe product used in an experiment at the time of evidence being preserved fell into the scope of claim 1 and claim 17 of the subject Patent. The court will continue the proceedings assessing the issue of damages amount. CHPT indicated that it will file an appeal seeking remedy upon entry of the final first-instance judgment. (Released 2026.04.02)

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02 Taiwan MOEA establishes quantum technology office

On April 27, 2026, the Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA) officially announced the establishment of "Quantum Industry Technology Promotion Office" (QITPO). The MOEA stressed that QITPO represents more than the creation of a new government unit; it symbolizes the government's firm commitment to transforming Taiwan from a "Silicon Island" into a "Quantum Island". The office will serve as both a "key driver" and a "resource integrator" aiming to equip Taiwanese enterprises to expand into global supplier chains in the early stage of quantum technology development. Through these efforts, the government aims to realize the vision of a quantum Taiwan and lead Taiwan from the "Silicon Island" to the "Quantum Island" possessing global competitiveness.

The MOEA minister noted that with rise of global AI boom, quantum technology has emerged as the next technological revolution with the potential to reshape the world, and Taiwan has three major advantages in its entry into the quantum market. First, on the technological front, for example, quantum computers must operate only in the near-absolute-zero environment, and Taiwan leads the world in "connector" technology of bridging the gap between ultra-low-temperature and room temperature. Taiwan also outperforms its peers in control chips and related components. Second, in the aspect of manufacturing, Taiwan possesses extensive expertise in semiconductor fabrication and advanced packaging. From wafer foundry services to heterogeneous integration, Taiwan's world-class capabilities provide a critical foundation for the production of quantum bits (qubits). Third, in the aspect of system integration, Taiwanese manufacturers excel at integrating components from different technologies and suppliers into operational systems, a critical capability for bringing quantum computers into practical applications. To this end, the MOEA has been actively advancing quantum technology and industrial deployment, with concrete achievements already in place, including the successful development of low-temperature control chips capable of operating at the temperatures as low as minus 269 degrees Celsius. In addition, the MOEA has also facilitated international collaborations. For example, Taiwan has been working with US-based SEEQC Inc. to develop quantum chips and with Rigetti Computing Inc., to jointly develop cryogenic modules, thus establishing the strong foundation for Taiwan's quantum technology sector. Moreover, in order to further assist domestic companies in entering the quantum market and keeping pace with the international market and also actively securing orders, the MOEA decides to establish QITPO not only to serve as the key driver but also to

link the R&D capabilities of the ITRI with the strength of private-sector industries to ultimately forge and create a competitive quantum industry ecosystem in Taiwan.

According to the Department of Industrial Technology under the MOEA, QITPO will be focusing on three major pillars, “cooperation, localization, and connection” to actively (1) promote international collaboration by encouraging and attracting international leading quantum companies to establish R&D centers in Taiwan in order not only to bring these companies to Taiwan but also to foster deep participation by local supply chains, (2) strengthen industrial technology guidance and support and lower the entry barriers through the MOEA’s special programs and guidance mechanism, enabling the enterprises seeking to enter the quantum sector to gain targeted access to key technologies, and (3) build cross-sector platforms to bridge the gap between the industry, the academia, and the research institutions through regular forums and business matchmaking events, thereby transforming technological capabilities into practical and substantive business opportunities.

By serving as an integrator of the quantum industry value chain and a hub for international collaboration, QITPO will work with the industry and public organizations to build permanent platforms for the exchange and collaboration among the industry, the academia, and the research institutions and also international partnership networks, thereby strengthening the collaboration and resource sharing with global leaders in advanced technologies, accelerating technology commercialization, and fully developing the manufacturing and application of key quantum components. Together with the industry, academia, and research institutions, the MOEA will further enhance the domestic quantum industry’s position in the global quantum supply chain and work toward realizing the vision of “Quantum Taiwan” and cementing Taiwan’s role as a key player in the global technology industry. (Released 2026.04.27)

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03 Taiwan–France industrial innovation partnership reaches milestone with launch of six joint R&D projects

The MOEA led an official delegation on March 31, 2026 to France, announcing that the inaugural Taiwan-France joint call for R&D proposals has successfully resulted in six collaborative projects, with the second round of joint call launched in June 2026. The collaboration has also facilitated the execution of a memorandum of understanding between Taiwan’s ITRI and Eutelsat, the global leading satellite communications operator. Their partnership is expected to help Taiwanese companies gain access to the European low-earth-orbit satellite supply chain.

Based on the MOU on “Industrial Innovation R&D Cooperation Program” signed in 2025, Taiwan and France jointly launched the inaugural joint call for R&D proposals, jointly supported by the Industrial Development Administration and the Department of Industrial Technology under the MOEA, and Bpifrance. The first round of joint call successfully invited ten submissions, with six representative cross-border collaborative projects selected. The six selected projects focus on the key technological areas, including artificial intelligence, high-performance calculating, silicon photonics, advanced display technologies, and biomedical applications, which reflect both technological innovation and commercial potential.

In the field of low-earth-orbit (LEO) satellite and communications, the ITRI and Eutelsat signed the MOU focusing on their collaboration on supply chain partnerships, the connection of industrial ecosystem, and the R&D of crucial communication technologies. In addition, they also join hands to develop 6G satellite communications standards, applications for low-earth orbit and geosynchronous equatorial orbit satellites and satellite broadband, which will strengthen Taiwan’s communication resilience and international market connectivity capability. In the sector of drones, Taiwan is also discussing with leading European drone manufacturers on potential supply chain partnerships aimed at jointly developing future business opportunities.

The MOEA stated that Taiwan-France collaboration will continue and go further with the second round of joint call mainly for the proposals involving the sectors of non-PRC drone supply chains, semiconductors, robotics, space and low-earth-orbit satellites, communications, biotechnology and medicine, technology startups, circular economy, and offshore wind power. By continuing to build collaborative platforms and align industry needs with technological resources, the two governments aim to assist Taiwanese enterprises in leveraging France's strengths in technology, research and development, and market access, so as to jointly expand into international markets and forge a more secure and resilient global supply chain. (Released 2026.04.02)

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04 Counterfeit cigarettes, pharmaceuticals, and apparel top customs seizures in 2025

The Customs Administration under the Ministry of Finance released statistics indicating that the Taiwan customs authorities had uncovered a total of 430 cases of intellectual property right infringement throughout 2025, which involved 4.92 million infringing items and an estimated market value over TWD900 million. This demonstrates the Taiwan customs' determination to combat illegal activities and protect a fair market.

The top three categories of counterfeit goods seized in 2025 were cigarettes, pharmaceuticals, and apparel. With the popularity of cross-border e-commerce and international parcel services, illicit operators mostly smuggled counterfeit goods into the country through sea and air express shipments or by concealing them in cargo containers. The customs authorities have designated counterfeit cigarettes and pharmaceuticals, which pose risks to public health, as the key targets of border control measures, so as to prevent substandard and inferior counterfeit goods from entering the domestic market.

To implement the policy, "Keep Counterfeits Out at the Border", the customs authorities of Taiwan had been improving their enforcement measures and capabilities in 2025. In addition to using big data and AI analysis to identify high-risk traders and countries of origin, the customs authorities also work with well-known domestic and international brand owners, holding training sessions to strengthen frontline customs officers' expertise in distinguishing genuine products from counterfeits. Through public-private collaboration, the customs authorities aim to further enhance the effectiveness of anti-counterfeit enforcement. (Released 2026.04.15)

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