VALUATION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OBJECTS, TAXATION OF INCOME DERIVED FROM THEIR USE, AND INSURANCE MECHANISMS

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Annotation. This article examines the mechanisms for valuing intellectual property assets, taxing income generated through their commercial exploitation, and managing the associated risks through insurance instruments. In the context of the knowledge-based economy, intellectual property has become an important source of competitive advantage, investment attraction, and sustainable business development. However, determining the economic value of intangible assets, establishing an appropriate tax framework for intellectual property income, and developing effective insurance mechanisms remain complex challenges for businesses, investors, and policymakers. The article explores the principal approaches to intellectual property valuation, including the cost-based, market-based, and income-based methods, highlighting their applicability to different categories of intangible assets.

Keywords: intellectual property, intellectual property valuation, intangible assets, royalty income, taxation of intellectual property, licensing agreements, intellectual property insurance, risk management, commercial exploitation, financial mechanisms.

Introduction. In the modern economy, intellectual property has become an important intangible asset that contributes to innovation, business competitiveness, and economic growth. Patents, trademarks, copyrights, software, and other intellectual property objects can generate significant income through licensing, royalties, and commercial exploitation. Therefore, their accurate valuation, appropriate taxation, and effective insurance are essential for ensuring financial transparency and protecting the interests of intellectual property owners.

One of the main challenges is determining the economic value of intellectual property, as it depends on market demand, legal protection, and expected future income. In addition, taxation of income derived from intellectual property requires clear regulatory mechanisms, while insurance can help reduce financial risks associated with infringement disputes and legal claims. The purpose of this article is to examine the principal methods of intellectual property valuation, analyze the taxation mechanisms applicable to income generated from its use, and identify the role of insurance in managing related risks. The study also highlights the importance of improving these mechanisms to encourage innovation, attract investment, and promote the efficient commercial use of intellectual assets.

Main body. In the modern knowledge-based economy, intellectual property represents an important source of economic value, investment opportunities, and competitive advantage. Unlike physical assets, intellectual property objects derive their value primarily from their legal protection, commercial potential, technological significance, and capacity to generate future economic benefits. Patents, trademarks,

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copyrights, computer software, industrial designs, and trade secrets can create revenue directly through commercial use or indirectly by strengthening a company's market position. Therefore, the valuation of intellectual property is an essential component of financial management, investment analysis, licensing negotiations, and business development.

According to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the economic value of intellectual property is closely associated with the future benefits it can generate for its owner or an authorized user.[1] This perspective indicates that the value of an intellectual asset cannot be determined solely by calculating the expenses incurred during its creation. A patented technology developed at a relatively low cost may generate substantial profits if it addresses a significant market need, whereas an expensive invention may have limited commercial value if demand is weak. Consequently, valuation requires a comprehensive assessment of the asset's legal status, market opportunities, expected income, competitive environment, and remaining period of protection. Three principal approaches are commonly used to determine the value of intellectual property: the cost approach, the market approach, and the income approach. The cost approach estimates value by considering the expenditure required to reproduce or replace an asset with an equivalent one. It can be useful for newly developed software, technical documentation, and certain early-stage innovations. However, it does not necessarily reflect the asset's ability to generate profits or the uniqueness of its commercial advantages.

The market approach determines value by examining transactions involving comparable intellectual property assets. Relevant evidence may include licensing agreements, royalty rates, and the sale of similar patents or trademarks. Its principal limitation is the difficulty of identifying genuinely comparable transactions because intellectual property rights often differ in scope, duration, technological characteristics, and market conditions. The income approach estimates the present value of the future economic benefits attributable to an intellectual property asset. It is particularly relevant when reliable revenue forecasts are available. Expected cash flows are adjusted for the time value of money and the risks associated with commercialization. In practice, selecting a valuation method should depend on the purpose of the assessment, the availability of reliable information, and the characteristics of the particular asset. Combining several approaches may also improve the credibility of the final estimate.

The economic assessment of intellectual property has been extensively discussed in international research and professional guidance. The following five scholarly and institutional perspectives provide a basis for examining valuation, taxation, and insurance as interconnected mechanisms.

WIPO's approach emphasizes that intellectual property valuation should be based on the economic benefits that an asset is expected to generate rather than on its physical characteristics or historical development costs alone.[1] The significance of this perspective lies in the distinction between the cost of creating an asset and its actual economic usefulness. For example, the commercial value of a trademark depends not only on the expenditure associated with its registration and promotion but also on consumer recognition, customer loyalty, market demand, and its contribution to sales. Similarly, a patent's value may increase when the protected technology becomes essential to a commercially successful product. This means that valuation should incorporate both measurable financial indicators and qualitative factors influencing future profitability. Such an approach enables businesses to establish more defensible prices for licensing agreements, assess investment opportunities, and make informed decisions about the commercialization of research results.

In his work on the valuation of intellectual property rights, Russell L. Parr discusses the market approach as a method that uses transactions involving comparable assets and established royalty rates to

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support the assessment of intellectual property value.[2] Parr's approach highlights the importance of market evidence in determining economically reasonable prices. When a company licenses a patent or trademark, comparable licensing transactions can provide a useful reference for negotiating royalty payments. Nevertheless, the existence of similar agreements does not automatically mean that their terms are directly transferable. Differences in territorial rights, exclusivity, technological maturity, market size, and contractual obligations can substantially affect the appropriate price. Therefore, comparative analysis should adjust for these differences rather than mechanically applying a single industry average. In this respect, market-based valuation can improve transparency and reduce the likelihood of arbitrary pricing in intellectual property transactions.

The OECD Transfer Pricing Guidelines emphasize that the taxation of transactions involving intangible assets should reflect the economic circumstances of the transaction, the functions performed, the assets used, the risks assumed, and the principles governing transactions between independent parties.[3] This perspective is particularly important for multinational enterprises that transfer intellectual property or charge royalties between related companies. If a business assigns an artificially low value to a patent or charges an unjustifiably high royalty to a related entity, taxable profits may be shifted from one jurisdiction to another. To address this problem, tax authorities need to examine the commercial substance of transactions, the reliability of valuation assumptions, and the relationship between the income generated and the economic activities that contribute to the asset's value. The OECD framework therefore demonstrates that intellectual property valuation is not merely an accounting exercise; it also has direct implications for tax compliance, international investment, and the fair allocation of taxable profits.

WIPO's analysis of insurance for intellectual property explains that specialized insurance arrangements can help businesses manage legal expenses, financial losses, and certain liabilities arising from intellectual property infringement disputes.[4] The practical importance of this position is that legal protection alone does not eliminate the financial risks associated with intellectual property ownership. A company may possess a valid patent or trademark but lack sufficient resources to defend its rights against a financially stronger competitor. Intellectual property insurance can help address this imbalance by covering specified legal defense expenses, certain damages, or costs associated with enforcing rights, depending on the policy. However, insurance coverage is not universal: exclusions, policy limits, waiting periods, and eligibility requirements may restrict the protection provided. Consequently, insurance should complement, rather than replace, appropriate legal registration, contractual safeguards, and risk management. For innovative businesses, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises, this approach can improve financial resilience and support the commercialization of new technologies.

WIPO's 2025 guide to intellectual property valuation emphasizes that credible assessments require suitable valuation methods, reliable information, and careful consideration of uncertainty, particularly when an innovation has not yet established a stable market position.[5] This perspective is especially relevant to newly developed technologies, patents, and research outcomes whose future commercial success remains uncertain. At the initial stage, an invention may have considerable technical potential but no established customer base, predictable revenue, or comparable market transactions. Under these circumstances, relying exclusively on historical expenditure or optimistic revenue forecasts may produce a misleading valuation. A more reliable assessment should consider alternative market scenarios, commercialization costs, the probability of technical success, the remaining protection period, and the risks associated with market adoption. Scenario analysis and sensitivity analysis can help determine how

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changes in expected revenue, costs, or discount rates influence the estimated value. These techniques also provide useful information for investors, insurers, and tax authorities when evaluating intangible assets under uncertain economic conditions.

Taxation is a fundamental component of the financial management of intellectual property because the commercial exploitation of intangible assets creates taxable income and contractual obligations. Such income may arise from royalties, licensing fees, franchising arrangements, the transfer of intellectual property rights, and other transactions permitted under applicable law. The tax treatment depends on the nature of the transaction, the taxpayer's legal status, the relevant jurisdiction, and the applicable tax rules. Royalties are among the most common forms of income generated by intellectual property. Under a licensing agreement, the rights holder authorizes another party to use a patent, trademark, copyright, or other protected asset in exchange for payment. Royalties may be calculated as a percentage of sales, a fixed amount per unit, or a predetermined payment for a specified period. The chosen structure influences the distribution of commercial risk between the parties and determines the basis on which the resulting income is calculated.

An effective taxation mechanism requires the accurate identification of the transaction, appropriate valuation of the licensed rights, reliable accounting records, and compliance with reporting obligations. In international transactions, withholding taxes, double taxation agreements, and transfer pricing requirements may also become relevant. Particular attention is necessary when intellectual property is transferred between related companies because the agreed price may differ from the amount that independent parties would accept under comparable circumstances. The OECD's transfer pricing framework provides guidance for evaluating such transactions in accordance with the arm's-length principle.[3] Under this principle, the terms of a transaction between related parties should be consistent with those that would be agreed upon by independent enterprises in comparable circumstances. Applying this principle helps limit artificial profit shifting and supports the allocation of taxable income in a manner consistent with the economic substance of the transaction. From a policy perspective, taxation should provide a balance between fiscal interests and incentives for innovation. Excessively complicated compliance requirements may discourage smaller enterprises from commercializing their inventions, whereas inadequate oversight may facilitate tax avoidance. Clear rules, consistent valuation practices, appropriate documentation, and effective cooperation between taxpayers and tax authorities can improve transparency while supporting legitimate intellectual property investment.

The commercial use of intellectual property exposes businesses to legal, financial, and operational risks. These include unauthorized reproduction, patent infringement claims, trademark disputes, copyright violations, disclosure of trade secrets, and litigation over ownership or licensing rights. Such events may result in substantial legal expenses, interrupted business activities, lost revenue, or reputational damage. Intellectual property insurance can be divided into several broad categories according to the risks covered. Defensive coverage may help pay legal defense expenses and certain damages when a business is accused of infringing another party's rights. Enforcement-oriented coverage may support eligible costs incurred when a rights holder seeks to protect its own intellectual property against infringement. Certain policies may also cover specified business losses or additional expenses arising from covered disputes. The availability and scope of these products vary by insurer and jurisdiction.[4]

Before obtaining coverage, a business should identify its principal intellectual property assets, assess their commercial significance, examine potential infringement risks, and review the terms of

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available policies. The assessment should consider the estimated cost of litigation, the financial consequences of business interruption, the enforceability of the relevant rights, and the likelihood of disputes. The value of the insured asset alone is not sufficient to determine the appropriate level of coverage because the probability and potential severity of losses must also be considered. Insurance can be particularly important for innovative enterprises that depend heavily on patents, proprietary software, distinctive brands, or confidential technical knowledge. Nevertheless, it cannot eliminate all intellectual property risks. Insurers may exclude known disputes, intentional infringement, or certain categories of loss, and a policy may not cover the full economic value of an asset. Therefore, insurance should form part of a broader risk management strategy incorporating legal due diligence, confidentiality agreements, intellectual property audits, licensing controls, and regular monitoring of potential infringements.

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