

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

Common Quality Framework for
International Search and Preliminary Examination

Supplemental Report Under Paragraph 21.18 of the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines

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No documents referred to in this report

As a result of our most recent internal review under PCT/GL/ISPE paragraphs 21.10-21.15, this Authority has made modifications to its Quality Management System (QMS) as discussed below.

The modifications are given with reference to the sections of the revised template for responses to PCT/GL/ISPE Paragraph 21.17 to which the changes relate.

The Authority should describe any changes made to its QMS making reference to the specific sections of the earlier report using template T21-17, and / or making reference to any supplemental report(s) established in the meantime using template T21-18.

If no changes have been made to its QMS since the last report, the Authority should indicate such.

It was set out a task group of 17 people, all but 3 are patent examiners which possess at least a Master Degree to study in depth the PCT guidelines and rules in order to set up/improve the work flow of INPI as International Search Authority and Preliminary Examination Authority, mainly the following documents: PCT Int'l Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines, PCT Receiving Office Guidelines, Regulations under the PCT and the PCT Treaty itself. The group felt it need more training in the field of QMS, and is all enrolled in ISO 9001 Seminar, in order to improve its QMS skills. This seminar will be around May 2009. It is also scheduled study visit to some patent offices to learn from their experience, such as the visit to KIPO and an one week program with German Patent Office to be held by the end of March.

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