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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CERTAIN TIME LIMITS IN THE PCT
AND TO THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT

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Chapter 27bis: Eliminating a discrepancy between the English and French texts of Rule 82.1(c)

(Concerns Rule 82.1)

New proposal

1. It has come to the attention of the International Bureau that there is a discrepancy between the English and French texts of Rule 82.1(c), which prescribes a time limit for performing certain acts in case of delay or loss in the mail. The difference consists in the following: in the case where a document or letter was lost, the time limit provided for in the English text is a time limit for submitting the substitute document or letter but not for submitting evidence concerning its identity with the document or letter lost, whereas in the French text it is a time limit for submitting the said evidence but not the document or letter lost.

2. Both texts appear to be defective. Under Rule 82.1(b), the applicant must offer a substitute document or letter for the one lost in the mail and evidence concerning the identity between the substitute document or letter and the document or letter lost. Rule 82.1(c) should, therefore, prescribe a time limit for both acts. Thus, it is proposed to amend both the English and the French texts of Rule 82.1(c) so that they provide that the substitute document or letter and the evidence concerning its identity with the lost one must be submitted within the time limit fixed by this Rule.

Rule 82

Irregularities in the Mail Service

82.1 Delay or Loss in Mail

(a) and (b) (No change]

(c) In the cases provided for in paragraph (b), evidence of mailing within the prescribed time limit, and, where the document or letter was lost, the substitute document or letter as well as the evidence concerning its identity with the document or letter lost shall be submitted within 1 month after the date on which the interested party noticed—or with due diligence should have noticed—the delay or the loss, and in no case later than 6 months after the expiration of the time limit applicable in the given case.

82.2 [No change]

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