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PCT MINIMUM DOCUMENTATION (PATENT DOCUMENTS):
PATENT DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN PCT RULE 34.1(c) (vi)

Progress Report prepared by the International Bureau

Introduction

1. At its third session, held in Tokyo in October 1973, the PCT Interim Committee for Technical Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as "the Interim Committee) encouraged the International Bureau to continue its study regarding the possible inclusion in the PCT minimum documentation of patent documents in English, French or German which do not now form part of the PCT minimum documentation (PCT Rule 34.1(c) (vi)).

2. A number of Patent Offices issuing such English, French or German language patent documents have positively responded to earlier enquiries as to whether or not they are interested in having their patent documents included in the PCT minimum documentation. Several of these have started to accumulate sets of non-priority claiming patent documents, hereinafter referred to as "sorted sets," which could be distributed to the prospective International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities (hereinafter referred to as "the prospective PCT Authorities") for inclusion in their search files.

Recent Survey in the Prospective PCT Authorities

3. In response to an enquiry on the part of the Australian Patent Office as to the disposition of the ten sorted sets of Australian patent documents that that Office has been accumulating since 1972, the International Bureau in turn queried the ten prospective PCT Authorities on this matter. (Circular letter No. 1863; see Annex A of this document).

4. The survey, in addition to enquiring in particular as to the disposition of the Australian patent documents, also asked a number of general questions regarding Rule 34.1(c) (vi) documentation. Whereas heretofore the enquiries regarding this documentation had been directed to the prospective suppliers of this documentation, this was the first survey of the prospective recipients of this documentation.

5. As can be noted from the Circular letter No. 1863 in Annex A, several of the questions asked (see questions Nos. 1 and 3) concerned the patent documents of the sixteen Offices which have English, French or German patent documents but which do not now form part of the PCT minimum documentation. One question (see question No.2) was directed to the Australian patent documents in particular.

6. All ten Offices which are considered prospective PCT Authorities, responded. A table summarizing the substance of the responses of nine prospective PCT Authorities (the Netherlands Patent Office having indicated only that it did not consider itself a prospective International Searching Authority) is found in Annex B with the responses themselves set out in Annexes C through L to this document. It should be noted that eight of the nine responding Offices presently receive the patent documents of Belgium; seven receive those of Australia, Austria and the German Democratic Republic; six those of Canada; four those of India and Ireland; two those of South Africa; and individual Offices only receive those of New Zealand, Luxembourg, Monaco, Philippines, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and OAMPI.

7. Six Offices expressed their interest in receiving the sorted sets of the Australian patent documents, the other three Offices already receive complete sets and eight Offices are interested in receiving sorted sets of other Offices.

Request by the Austrian Patent Office

8. In the letter of response of the Austrian Patent Office, it was indicated that ten sorted sets of Austrian patent documents were being saved by that Office and that the prospective PCT Authorities should soon indicate their plans with respect to these documents, since the Austrian Patent Office had serious storage problems with the said sets of documents (see Annex C). Consequently, the prospective PCT Authorities are asked to express their views on the offer of the Austrian Patent Office.

Proposed Further Action

9. In view of the interest of a number of the prospective PCT Authorities in the patent documents of several Offices which have not as yet responded to earlier enquiries, it is proposed that the International Bureau should make further enquiries with a view to obtaining a definitive answer from these Offices as to their desire to have their patent documents introduced into the PCT minimum documentation.

10. Furthermore, the PCT Minimum Documentation Study which has already been conducted (documents PCT/TCO/SS/I/2 and PCT/TCO/SS/III/4) should be extended to encompass the Rule 34.1(c)(vi) patent documents which are definitely going to be considered to be part of the PCT minimum documentation. This would entail adding, to the already established inventory of the patent documents which are part of the PCT minimum documentation, a listing of the documents involved or a broad indication of the range of numbers or dates together with an approximation of the number of documents involved.

11. The Interim Committee is invited to take note of the progress achieved to date and to comment on the continuation of the project in general and in particular on:

- (a) the disposition of the Austrian sorted sets (see paragraph 8 above);
- (b) the making of further enquiries to Offices not having responded so far (see paragraph 9 above); and
- (c) the introduction of the particulars of the Rule 34.1(c)(vi) documentation which will be part of the PCT minimum documentation into the already established inventory of such documentation (see paragraph 10).



Circular No. 1863
- PCT 21

February 25, 1974.

Re: PCT Minimum Documentation

According to the program suggested by the PCT Interim Committee for Technical Cooperation (First Session, February 1971), "the International Bureau, under the guidance of the Interim Committee and with the assistance of the Standing Subcommittee of that Committee, should:

- (i) prepare a detailed inventory of the patent documents to be included in the PCT minimum documentation (the inventory should comprise ... those English, French and German language documents which, under Rule 34.1(c) (vi) of the PCT Regulations, may be expected to be included in the minimum documentation; ...) (document PCT/TCO/I/6, paragraph 25).

It is recalled that Rule 34.1(c) (vi) of the PCT Regulations provides for the inclusion in the "minimum documentation" of the International Searching Authorities of "such patents issued by, and such patent applications published in, any other country /other than France, Germany (Federal Republic of), Japan, the Soviet Union, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States of America/ after 1920 as are in the English, French, or German language and in which no priority is claimed, provided that the national Office of the interested country sorts out these documents and places them at the disposal of each International Searching Authority."

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A series of circular letters were sent to some 16 industrial property Offices which publish English, French and German language patent documents of the kind referred to in Rule 34.1(c) (vi), inquiring whether they would wish to have their documents included as part of the PCT minimum documentation and if so whether they would be willing to store for the future use of the International Searching Authorities ten sets of these documents as they are published.

In response, a number of industrial property Offices indicated a wish to have their documents included in the PCT minimum documentation and agreed to store the suggested ten sets of documents. One of these industrial property Offices which has been saving the ten sets for the past several years, the Australian Patent Office, recently asked the International Bureau whether the communication of these documents to the interested Authorities could now begin, as the storing of the ten sets is presenting a space problem.

The International Bureau, in attempting to alleviate this problem of storage for this Office, stated that the members of the Standing Subcommittee of the PCT Interim Committee for Technical Cooperation would be queried as to the disposition of these documents.

In this context, a more general study of the problems of inclusion of the said documents in the search files of the prospective International Searching Authorities would appear to be necessary. One of the questions to be considered would be whether some of the industrial property Offices which are the prospective International Searching Authorities introduce already now into their search files (or have otherwise available for search purposes) all or at least the non-priority claiming documents of industrial property Offices whose documents fall under Rule 34.1(c) (vi). Should such be the case, some industrial property Offices presently saving the ten sets as well as Offices contemplating such a move may not have to store a set for such Authorities and may consequently reduce the number of sets which they have to save.

In order to attempt to resolve the immediate storage problem of one Office and to assemble the information necessary for a more detailed study of the general problem of the future disposition of the documents under consideration, your Office as a prospective International Searching Authority is requested to answer the following three questions:

1. Do you presently receive on a regular basis the patent documents of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, German Democratic Republic, India, Ireland, Israel, Luxembourg, Monaco, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka (Ceylon), South Africa and OAMPI, and if so, to what extent are such documents introduced into your search files?
2. Are you interested in receiving regularly a set of Australian patent documents as sorted out by the Australian Patent Office in accordance with PCT Rule 34.1(c)(vi)? If yes, should delivery start immediately or at a later date?
3. Are you interested in receiving regularly sets of patent documents of Offices other than the Australian Patent Office which are also being sorted out in accordance with PCT Rule 34.1(c)(vi)? If so, but not for all such Offices, please specify for which.

The International Bureau would appreciate receiving your answers to the above three questions by May 1, 1974, in order to be able to inform the Australian Patent Office accordingly and to facilitate the preparation of a document on the matter for the consideration of the October 1974 session of the PCT Interim Committee for Technical Cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



K. Pfanner
Director
Industrial Property Division

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES TO CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 1863
REGARDING PCT RULE 34.1(c) (vi) DOCUMENTATION

Prospective International Searching or Preliminary Examining Authority responding	The patent documents of Australia (AU), Austria (OE), Belgium (BE), Canada (CA), German Democratic Republic (DL), India (IN), Ireland (EI), Israel (IL), Luxembourg (LU), Monaco (MC), New Zealand (NZ), Pakistan (PK), Philippines (RP), Sri Lanka (Ceylon) (CL), South Afrika (ZA), OAMPI (AM) are		Interested in receiving sorted sets of the patent documents of Australia	Interested in receiving sorted sets of the patent documents of other Offices
	presently received on a regular basis	introduced into search files		
Austria (Annex C)	AU, OE, BE, CA, DL	OE, DL	yes	yes
Brazil (Annex D)	-	-	yes	AU, BE, CA, DL, IL, RP, ZA, AM
Germany (F.R.) (Annex E)	AU, OE, BE, CA, DL, IN	OE, BE, DL	already receives complete set	EI, IL, LU, MC, NZ, PK, RP, CL, ZA, AM
Japan (Annex F)	AU, OE, BE, CA, DL, IN, NZ, RP, CL, ZA, AM	-	yes	yes
Netherlands (Annex G)	(DOES NOT CONSIDER ITSELF A PROSPECTIVE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY)			
Soviet Union (Annex H)	AU, OE, BE, DL, IN, EI	-	already receives complete set	yes
Sweden (Annex I)	AU, OE, BE, CA, DL, EI	-	yes	yes, if part of PCT minimum documentation
United Kingdom (Annex J)	AU, OE, BE, CA, DL, IN, EI, PK	-	yes	yes
United States of America (Annex K)	AU, OE, BE, CA, DL, IN, EI, ZA (chem)	AU, OE, BE, CA, DL	already receives complete set	IN, EI, IL, LU, MC, NZ, PK, RP, CL, ZA, AM
International Patent Institute (IIB) (Annex L)	BE, LU, MC	BE, LU, MC	yes	not presently considering modifying country coverage of search documentation but will reconsider should need arise

[Annex C/Annexe C follows]

DER PRÄSIDENT
DES ÖSTERREICHISCHEN PATENTAMTES

GR 155/74

Wien, am April 23, 1974
L. Kohlmärkt 8-10
Postanschrift: Postfach 95, A-1014 Wien

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M.
Dr. Klaus Pfanner
Directeur
WIPO
Geneva

Ref.: Circular No. 1863-PCT 21

Dear Dr. Pfanner,

With respect to Circ.No. 1863 of February 25, 1974
I have the honour to communicate the following information:

Question No.1:

The documents of Austria and German Democratic Republic
are introduced into the search files of the Austrian
Patent Office.

The following documents are stored in numerical order:
Australia, Belgium, Canada.

Question No.2:

The Austrian Patent Office would be ready and interested
to receive Australian Patent documents arranged in
accordance to Rule 34.1 (c) (vi) PCT immediately.

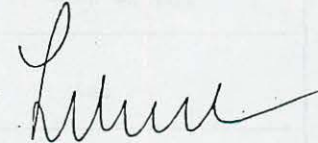
Question No.3:

Austria is interested in receiving PCT-minimum documents
on a regular basis from Offices intending to arrange
their documents according to Rule 34.1 (c) (vi) PCT
without any preference.

With respect to Austrian patent documents I should
like to take the opportunity to inform you that the Austrian
Patent Office is also ready to communicate documents sorted
out in accordance with Rule 34.1 (c) (vi) PCT to interested
Authorities. The Austrian Patent Office has been saving ten
sets of documents up from July 26, 1971 (No. 314.950) and

intends to furnish all non-priority claiming documents.
As there exist the same storage problems in the Austrian
Patent Office we are very much interested in the initiative
taken by WIPO. As document PCT/TCO/III/3 is concerned I
should like to ask you to include the information about
Austrian patent documents in the revised version of the
document of the Interim Committee for Technical Cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



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ANNEX C/ANNEXE C

INSTITUTO NACIONAL DA PROPRIEDADE INDUSTRIAL
SAS Q.2 - lote 3/A
70 000 Brasilia,
Brasil.

Brasília, March 21, 1974.

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Mr. K. Pfanner, Director
Industrial Property Division,
World Intellectual Property Organization,
32, chemin des Colombettes,
1211 GENEVA 20
Switzerland.

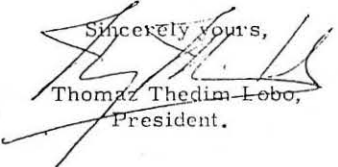
Re: Circular No. 1863 - PCT 21
PCT Minimum Documentation

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your above mentioned Circular of February
25, 1974, to which my answers are as follows:

<u>Question</u>	<u>Answer</u>
1	No
2	Yes, immediately
3	Yes, of the following countries: - Austria - Belgium - Canada - German Democratic Republic - Israel (only if in English or French - Philippines - South Africa, and - O A M P I

Sincerely yours,


Thomaz Thedim Lobo,
President.

[Annex E/Annexe E follows]

DER PRÄSIDENT
DES DEUTSCHEN PATENTAMTS

Dr. Arpad Bogsch
Director General
World Intellectual
Property Organisation
32, chemin des Colombettes
CH 1211 Genf 20
- Schweiz -

8000 MÜNCHEN 2, den April 10, 1974
Zweibrückenstraße 12
Fernruf (08 11) 2 19 51 Fernschreiber 5 23 534
Fernruddurchwahl (08 11) 21 95 Hausruf _____

Geschäfts-Nr.: _____
Bitte in der Antwort die vorstehende Geschäftsnummer angeben.

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Re.3: The German Patent Office is interested in the patent documents of Ireland, Israel, Luxembourg, Monaco, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka (Ceylon) South Africa and OAMPI as sorted out in accordance with PCT Rule 34.1(c)(vi).

Sincerely yours,

Köhne

Dipl.-Ing. K.H.Köhne
Vice-President

Re.: PCT Minimum Documentation under Rule 34.1(c)(vi)

Ref.: Circular No.1863 - PCT 21 of February 25, 1974

Dear Dr.Bogsch,

The questions raised in the Circular concerning the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34.1(c)(vi), I answer as follows:

Re.1: The German Patent Office at present regularly receives the patent documents of the following countries enumerated in your questionnaire: Australia, Belgium, German Democratic Republic, India, Canada and Austria. The patent specifications of Belgium, German Democratic Republic and Austria are also filed according to classification in the search file.

Re.2: Since the German Patent Office already regularly receives two sets of Australian patent documents within the international exchange of literature, the set of documents stored by the Australian Patent Office is no longer needed according to PCT Rule 34.1(c)(vi).

However, I am very much interested in a list with the numbers of these documents.

[Annex F/Annexe F follows]

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ANNEX E/ANNEXE E

PATENT OFFICE
JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

4-3, Kasumigaseki 3-chome
Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan

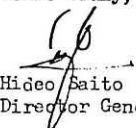
TOKU SO 532/49
May 9, 1974

Dr. A. Bogsch
Director General
World Intellectual Property Organization
32, chemin des Colombettes
1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed the answers of the Japanese Patent Office concerning PCT Minimum Documentation in reply to your Circular No. 1863 - PCT 21, dated Feb. 25, 1974.

Yours truly,


Hideo Saito
Director General

PCT Minimum Documentation (Circular No. 1863 - PCT 21)

1.

(a) The Japanese Patent Office receives regularly the patent documents of the countries mentioned below:

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, German Democratic Republic,
India, New Zealand, Philippines, Sri Lanka (Ceylon), South Africa and
OAMPI

Such documents are not, as a rule, included in the search files, but they are easily available to the examiners when necessary.

(b) We do not receive the patent documents of the following countries:

Ireland, Israel, Luxembourg, Monaco and Pakistan

2. We are willing to receive regularly a set of Australian patent documents as sorted out by the Australian Patent Office in accordance with PCT Rule

34.1 (c) (vi). Their delivery can start at any time.

3. We are interested to accept regularly sets of patent documents of Offices other than the Australian Patent Office which are sorted out in accordance with PCT Rule 34.1 (c) (vi).

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ANNEX F/ANNEXE F

Voorzitter van de Octrooiraad

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7th May 1974

Telefoon (070) - 999814

World Intellectual Property
Organization
mr. K. Pfanner
Director Industrial Property
Division
32, chemin des Colombettes
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Dear Mr. Pfanner,

Re : PCT Minimum Documentation

Since the Netherlands Patent Office is not a prospective
International Search Authority, no answer to circular
no. 1863 is required from that office and none will be
supplied.

Yours sincerely,



J.B. van Benthem.

[Annex H/Annexe H follows]

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ANNEX G/ANNEXE G

ГОСУДАРСТВЕННЫЙ КОМИТЕТ СОВЕТА МИНИСТРОВ СССР
ПО ДЕЛАМ ИЗОБРЕТЕНИЙ И ОТКРЫТИЙ

State Committee for Inventions and Discoveries
of the USSR Council of Ministers

Comité d'Etat du Conseil des Ministres de l'URSS
pour les inventions et les découvertes

Staatliches Komitee des Ministerrates der UdSSR
für Erfindungen und Entdeckungen

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Женева
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Глубокоуважаемый господин Пфаннер,

В ответ на Циркуляр ВОИС № 1863 от 25 февраля 1974 года, касающихся комплектования патентных фондов Международных поисковых органов в соответствии с требованиями "минимума документации" согласно правилу 34.1 (с) (VI) сообщаем, что Советский Союз заинтересован в работе, предпринятой с целью облегчить процедуру комплектования.

По предложенным в Циркуляре вопросам сообщаем:

I. Комитет регулярно получает патентную документацию от патентных ведомств следующих стран:

Австралии (бюллетень, описания), Австрии (бюллетень, описания), Бельгии (бюллетень, описания), Канады (бюллетень), ГДР (бюллетень, описания), Индии (бюллетень, описания), Ирландии (бюллетень, описания), Израиля (бюллетень), Люксембурга (бюллетень), Монако (бюллетень), Новой Зеландии (бюллетень), Пакистана (бюллетень), Шри Ланка (официальная газета), ОАИИ (бюллетень).

Получаемая документация используется для целей патентного поиска и экспертиз. Необходимо отметить, что такие источники, как патентные бюллетени (газеты) не раскрывают в необходимой мере патентуемое изобретение, поэтому желательное получение копий описаний.

Патентные документы упомянутых стран пока не включены в поисковые подборки экспертов, а находятся в общей коллекции Всесоюзной патентно-технической библиотеки, которая по мере необходимости используется экспертами.

2. Комитет заинтересован в получении копий описаний изобретений Австралии за период с 1920 по 1956 гг. по № 211776 включительно в удобней для патентного ведомства Австралии срок.

3. Комитет заинтересован также в получении патентной документации других стран, обеспечивающей раскрытие изобретения в той мере, которая необходима для проведения патентного поиска. Учитывая тот факт, что в некоторых странах полные описания изобретений не издаются считаем необходимым провести работу по выявлению стран, могущих представить такого вида документацию и за какой период.

С уважением

И. МОРОЗОВ

Начальник Отдела внешних
связей

PCT/TCO/IV/6
ANNEX H/ANNEXE H

TRANSLATION

Dear Mr. Pfanner,

In reply to WIPO Circular No. 1863 dated February 25, 1974, concerning the preparation of the patent files of International Searching Authorities in correspondence with "minimum documentation" requirements according to Rule 34.1 (c) (vi), I have the honor to inform you that the Soviet Union is interested in the work being undertaken to facilitate the preparation of these files.

As for the questions raised in the above Circular, I have the pleasure to inform you that:

1. The State Committee for Inventions and Discoveries regularly receives patent documentation from the Patent Offices of the following countries:

- (i) Australia, Austria, Belgium, DDR, India, Ireland--official gazettes and patent specifications;
- (ii) Canada, Israel, Luxembourg, Monaco, New Zealand, Pakistan, Sri-Lanka, OAMPI--official gazettes.

The documentation received is used for patent search and examination.

It is important to note that such sources as official gazettes do not give sufficient disclosure of the inventions being patented, and consequently receipt of copies of specifications is highly desirable.

The patent documents of the above-mentioned countries are not yet included in the search files of examiners and are assembled in the general All-Union Patent Library collection, which is used by examiners when necessary.

2. The Committee is interested in receiving copies of Australian patent specifications for the period from 1920 to 1956, up to No. 211776 inclusive, at any time which is convenient for the Australian Patent Office.

3. The Committee is also interested in receiving other countries' patent documentation giving sufficient disclosure of inventions for the purpose of patent search. Taking into consideration the fact that in some countries full specifications of inventions are not published, we believe that it is necessary to find out which countries these are and also for what period of time these countries can supply their documentation.

Sincerely,

I. Mor
Head, External Relations Department

[Annex I/Annexe I follows]

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Annex H/Annexe H
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April 20, 1974

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Your reference PCT.21
Our reference IPCD 40120
Date 16 April 1974

Dear Mr. Pfanner

Subject: PCT Minimum Documentation (Rule 34.1(c)(vi))

In response to the request in WIPO Circular No. 1863 I have pleasure in informing you that the answers of the United Kingdom Patent Office to the three questions posed are as follows:-

1. YES in respect of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, German Democratic Republic, India, Ireland and Pakistan:
NO in respect of Israel, Luxembourg, Monaco, New Zealand, Philippines, Sri Lanka (Ceylon), South Africa and OAMPI.
2. YES: delivery to start immediately.
3. YES, for all.

It would be greatly appreciated if each consignment of the documents in question could be addressed as follows:-

"The Director
The Science Reference Library
(PCT Minimum Documentation)
25 Southampton Buildings
London WC2A 1AW"

as this would ensure correct routing of the packages within the Library.

Yours sincerely

D. G. Gay
Superintending Examiner

c.c. H. W. Hill, Esq.
Director SRL

Replying to your Circular No. 1863 -PCT 21, Feb. 25, 1974 re: PCT Minimum Documentation the Swedish Patent Office gives the following answers:

To question 1: Of the countries mentioned we receive on a regular basis the patent documents of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, German Democratic Republic and Ireland. They are not as a rule included in the search files.

To question 2: We would not mind receiving sorted out Australian patent documents and suggest that delivery would start Jan 1, 1975. We would much prefer if these documents were classified in accordance with the IPC down to sub-group level.

To question 3: No, unless decided upon as a requisite for a Searching Authority.

Sincerely yours

Saul Lewin

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Annex J

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ANNEX I/ANNEXE I

[Annex K/Annexe K follows]



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Patent Office

Address Only: COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

APR 30 1974

Dr. Klaus Pfanner
Director
Industrial Property Division
World Intellectual Property
Organization
Geneva, Switzerland

Dear Dr. Pfanner:

This letter is in response to your Circular NO. 1863 of February 25, 1974, requesting answers to three questions on PCT minimum documentation.

In response to your first question, we receive on a regular basis, either from the countries themselves or through other sources, the patent documents of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, the German Democratic Republic, India and Ireland. We also receive patent documents from South Africa relating to chemistry in general. With the exception of India and Ireland, Derwent Publications Ltd. provides, or will provide us with English language abstracts of patent documents which were first published in these particular countries. Using these abstracts, the full text copies of the corresponding patent documents are selected and placed in our classified search files. In addition, complete sets in numerical order of all patent documents received from these countries are maintained in our Scientific Library and are also available for search purposes.

Regarding your second question, since we already receive complete sets of Australian patent documents, we see no immediate need to receive an additional set sorted out in accordance with PCT Rule 34.1(c) (vi).

With respect to your third question, we would have no objection to receive the sorted sets of patent documents from India, Ireland, Israel, Luxembourg, Monaco, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, South Africa, and OAMPI, if those countries desire to have their patent documents included in

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our classified search files. It should be noted, however, that these sets may be of limited value since it is quite probable that many of the original, non-priority claiming patent documents form the basis for later filed applications in other minimum documentation countries.

I hope that this reply will facilitate your task of coordination in the rather difficult area of PCT minimum documentation.

Sincerely,

C. Marshall Dann
Commissioner of Patents

PCT/TCO/IV/6
ANNEX K/ANNEXE K



INSTITUT INTERNATIONAL DES BREVETS

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(PAYS-BAS)

To the Director General of the World
Intellectual Property Organization
32, Chemin des Colombettes
1211 GENEVE 20
Switzerland

Our ref.: VDC/191/mjs

RIJSWIJK (Z.H.), le April 5, 1974.

Dear Director General,

With reference to circular N° 1863 of February 25, 1974,
I have the honor to inform you that, from the countries whose
patent documents fall under rule 34.1 (c) (VI) of the PCT treaty,
Belgium, Luxembourg and Monaco, as member states of the I.I.B.,
are already sending their documents to the I.I.B. for inclusion
in the search documentation.

Moreover, during the PCT Washington Diplomatic Conference,
the matter of rule 34.1 (c) (VI) was discussed in particular
between Australian and Canadian authorities and the I.I.B. As
a result of these relations, our position with regard to the
three questions put forward on page 3 of the circular, is as
follows:

- 1) The search documentation at the disposal of the I.I.B. is
regularly updated with the patent documents of the following
countries listed under point 1:

Belgium
Luxembourg
Monaco

Moreover, we receive regularly from Canada, since about
4 years ago, the non-priority claiming Canadian patents filed
by inhabitants of that country. These documents are also in-
cluded in the search documentation.

- 2) The I.I.B. is prepared to include in the search documentation
the Australian patent documents as sorted out in accordance
with PCT rule 34.1 (c) (VI). Delivery could start immediately,
but should, however, be limited to the new patent documents
published from now on. The I.I.B. prefers to consider the
problem of the backlog at a later more appropriate date.
- 3) For different reasons, the I.I.B. does not intend to modify
now the country coverage of the search documentation. We are
however prepared to reconsider this question at any moment,
if sufficient grounds should arise.

Yours sincerely,

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ANNEX I/ANNEXE I