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INTERIM COMMITTEE FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION  
STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE

(Fourth Session, Geneva, April 25 to 30, 1973)

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT FORMS  
AND THE DRAFT SUGGESTED MODEL WORDINGS

prepared by the International Bureau

1. WIPO Circular letters C.1632 and C.1646 (see Annex A) were sent to the members of the Standing Subcommittee of the PCT Interim Committee for Technical Cooperation inviting written comments on document PCT/TCO/SS/IV/2 (the draft forms) and on document PCT/TCO/SS/IV/5 (the draft suggested model wording for applicant communications).
2. Written comments in response to the circular letters have been received from the Federal Republic of Germany (see Annex B), the United States of America (see Annex C), the United Kingdom (see Annex D), and the Soviet Union (see Annex E).
3. The written comments received, in addition to being marked on the forms, were also set forth in accompanying explanatory texts, consequently both have been reproduced in this document.
4. The Standing Subcommittee is invited to examine the written comments received.

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C. 1632  
PCT 081.5

February 20, 1973

Sir,

I have the honor to send you herewith a copy of our Note No. 1631 of today's date to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of your country, together with the preparatory documents mentioned therein which have been prepared for the April 25 to 30, 1973, session of the Standing Subcommittee of the PCT Interim Committee for Technical Cooperation.

Document PCT/TCO/SS/IV/2 contains the draft forms to be employed by various PCT Authorities. It would no doubt facilitate the discussion of these forms if, whenever it is convenient, you would have a copy of any form marked up with any changes in it which you recommend. The marking could be done by hand so that the proposed changes can be easily distinguished from the form as prepared by us. If you could then send us a copy of this marked-up form, we would reproduce a sufficient quantity of it and distribute it to the participants.

This does not, of course, exclude the possibility of making comments in any other way you may desire, apart from marking up the forms, or of accompanying your markings by some explanatory text, if you wish. We should, in fact, be glad to receive such comments and explanations in writing, so that they could also be circulated to the participants in a sufficient number of copies.

It would be appreciated if you could let us have any marked-up forms and any other text that you would wish us to reproduce for the participants at least one week in advance of the opening of the session.

Sincerely yours,

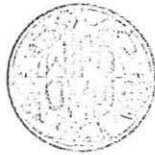
Enclosures:

Circular No. 1631  
Documents PCT/TCO/SS/IV/1, 2 and 4

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Senior Counsellor  
Head, Industrial Property  
Division

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C. 1646  
PCT 081.5

March 19, 1973

Sir,

I have the honor to send you herewith working documents PCT/TCO/SS/IV/3 and PCT/TCO/SS/IV/5 which have been prepared for the April 25 to 30, 1973 session of the Standing Subcommittee of the PCT Interim Committee for Technical Cooperation.

I would like to request that you apply the procedure mentioned in my letter C.1632 of February 20, 1973, a copy of which is enclosed, also in respect of the submission of changes which you recommend to working document PCT/TCO/SS/IV/5.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'K. Pfanner'.

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Senior Counsellor  
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Enclosures: C.1632,  
documents PCT/TCO/SS/IV/3 and 5



The completion under IV) of the forms is thought necessary in view of the experience made with isolated searches at the German Patent Office. This experience which may be applied directly to PCT searches has shown that indication of certain references is required for determining the scope of protection of the invention, even though such references do not relate to a specific claim. Since according to Article 33 par. (6) of the PCT, the international preliminary examination shall take into consideration all the documents cited in the international search report, the international search report on the other hand has to identify references that are cited for the above mentioned reason.

Further particulars on the subject will be given at the session of the Standing Subcommittee.

Moreover, the German delegation reserves the right of making further comments which cannot be made clear enough by the marking of the forms.

Sincerely yours,

*v. Schleußner*  
v. Schleußner

16 APR 1973  
ad PCT 893-081.5

REFERENCE NO.:

DATE OF MAILING:

IDENTIFICATION OF NATIONAL APPLICATION

Applicant:  
Application No.:  
Filing Date:  
Country of Filing:  
Priority Date Claimed:

INTERNATIONAL-TYPE SEARCH REPORT (PCT Article 15(5))

To the Applicant:

This international-type search report is given on the above-identified national application in accordance with request no. \_\_\_\_\_, date of request \_\_\_\_\_.

I. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

- 1. International Patent Classification (IPC): *a) Primary Classification:*
- 2. *National* ~~Other~~ Classification (specify): *b) Secondary Classification:*
- a) Primary Classification:*
- b) Secondary Classification:*

II. FIELDS SEARCHED

- 1. MINIMUM DOCUMENTATION SEARCHED:  
(Indicate the classification system used, and list the identification of the classes, subclasses, etc. of the fields searched in that system.)
- 2. DOCUMENTATION UNDER RULE 43.6(b) SEARCHED BUT NOT INCLUDED IN MINIMUM DOCUMENTATION:  
(List the kinds, States, periods and languages of the documentation to which search was extended.)

III. CITATIONS

- 1. CITATION OF DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED RELEVANT PRIOR ART FOR THE PURPOSES OF INTERNATIONAL SEARCH UNDER RULE 33.1(a)
- 2. CITATION OF DOCUMENTS UNDER RULE 33.1(b) and (c).

IV. APPLICATION OF CITATIONS

- 1. DOCUMENTS CITED RELEVANT TO ALL CLAIMS:
- 2. DOCUMENTS CITED RELEVANT TO PARTICULAR CLAIMS: CLAIMS DOCUMENTS
- 3. DOCUMENTS CITED INDICATING THE GENERAL STATE OF THE ART

International-Type Search Report Completed \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

VII. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER

REFERENCE NO:

DATE OF MAILING:

PROPRIETARY  
16 APR 1973  
ad PCT 893-2815

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT  
UNDER ARTICLE 18 OF THE  
PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

IDENTIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

Applicant:  
International Application No.:  
International Filing Date:

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International Application No.:  
International Filing Date:  
Receiving Office:  
Priority Date Claimed:

FINDING OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE 11(1) REQUIREMENTS (PCT Rule 29.3)

To the Receiving Office:

This Authority considers that a finding under Article 14(4) should be made as it appears that the following requirements were not complied with at the time of according an international filing date.

1.  The applicant obviously lacks for reason of (residence) (nationality), the right to file an international application with the receiving Office.
2.  The application is not in the prescribed language.
3.  The application does not contain an indication that it is intended as an international application.
4.  The application does not contain the designation of at least one Contracting State.
5.  The application does not contain the name of the applicant, as prescribed.
6.  The application does not contain a part which on the face of it appears to be a description.
7.  The application does not contain a part which on the face of it appears to be a claim or claims.

Authentication:

International Searching Authority

I. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

1. International Patent Classification (IPC): *a) Primary Classification*
  2. *National Classification (specify):* *b) Secondary Classification*
- a) Primary Classification*  
*b) Secondary Classification*

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(Indicate the classification system used, and list the identification of the classes, subclasses, etc. of the fields searched in that system.)
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(List the kinds, States, periods and languages of the documentation to which search was extended.)

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1. DOCUMENTS CITED RELEVANT TO ALL CLAIMS:
2. DOCUMENTS CITED RELEVANT TO PARTICULAR CLAIMS:  
CLAIMS DOCUMENTS
3. DOCUMENTS CITED INDICATING THE GENERAL STATE OF THE ART

## V. TITLE AND ABSTRACT

1. The following indicated items are approved as submitted by the applicant:
- a.  Title b.  Abstract
2. The texts established by this Authority of the following indicated items are annexed hereto:
- a.  Title b.  Abstract
3.  This report is incomplete as concerns the Abstract as the time limit for comments thereon has not expired.
4. The figure of the drawings (if any) indicated below is to be published with the abstract.
- a.  The figure suggested by the applicant.
- b.  Figure no. \_\_\_\_\_ because:
- Applicant failed to suggest a figure.
- This figure better characterizes the invention.

## VI. LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION

1.  Additional fees were paid. Consequently the international search covered:
- a.  all parts of the international application
- b.  those parts of the international application covered by claims \_\_\_\_\_
2.  Additional fees paid under protest. The text of the protest together with the decision taken thereon are annexed hereto.
3.  No additional fees were paid. Consequently the international search was restricted to the invention first mentioned ("main invention") covered by claims \_\_\_\_\_



## V. ARRANGEMENT AND USE OF CLASSIFICATION SYMBOLS

3. The classification of a patent is represented by symbols placed on the specification or other document, as referred to in paras. 38 and 42. If it is desired to use on any document an abbreviation of the words "International Classification" in accordance with Article 3 (3) of the Convention, the abbreviation "Int. Cl." should preferably be used, this having been internationally agreed, in the interests of uniformity, as a symbol for this purpose only. It is desirable that the abbreviation "Int. Cl." should not be transliterated into any other alphabet, in order that the international classification symbols may always be readily picked out.

60. In every case where an invention is classified in more than one place, the symbol of the place considered most relevant, taking into account the considerations indicated in Chapter IV, should be put first. This place will usually be the one most closely related to the patent rights claimed, or, if this extends over two or more fields of use and classification from a wider viewpoint is not possible, the one dealing with the field of art which is regarded as the most relevant. In some cases the choice of the most relevant place may be more or less arbitrary, particularly as regards balance of invention.

61. The classification of a specification (in accordance with para. 44) may be represented by symbols relating to the invention units (which must, according to Article 3 (1) of the Convention, be classified) and additional symbols (whether representing whole invention units or other information). To give a concise indication of the invention units, it is necessary to distinguish those symbols which together give a first classification of all the invention units from those symbols relating to any other information; the former symbols should precede, and the latter symbols follow, a double oblique stroke ("/"). The general rule for recording the classification is thus as follows:

Put first the symbols of the most important place (see above). If a second invention unit is not covered by that place, put the symbols of a place which covers that unit, and continue thus until every invention unit is covered by a place. If any information remains to be covered, then put the double oblique stroke, followed by the symbols necessary to represent the classification of such information.

An example of the full classification of a specification might have the following appearance:

F 16 1 9/04, B 23 k 31/06 // B 21 c 37/18, F 16 1 9/16.

It will be appreciated that this is an exceptional example, covering two invention units and additionally a further description (para. 42) of an invention unit as well as a piece of information not embodying the invention. In this example the symbols following the double oblique stroke are in alphabetical order, but any other order may be used.

62. Cases may arise, for example in opening up a new art, in which an invention is not at all satisfactorily covered by an existing group or even any existing sub-class or class. Nevertheless, a place in the classification scheme must be found as indicated in Chapter IV and this place should normally be the group regarded as most nearly covering the invention; but in order to record the doubtful nature of the classification, it is recommended that the classification symbols adopted should be followed by the letter X. Where, however, no group appears in any way relevant to the invention (and it is stressed that this should very rarely happen) a higher level of classification (sub-class, class or even Section) may be employed providing this is also followed by the letter X; for instance, an invention relating to the treatment of textiles but clearly having no relevance to any existing sub-class might be symbolised as D 06 X.

The use of the letter X will thus indicate the doubtful or incomplete nature of the classification and, more importantly, will bring to the notice of those responsible for the next revision that a classification problem exists which needs attention. To facilitate collection of such problem cases, all cases where the X notation is used should be notified to the Secretariat of the Classification Sub-Committee of the Committee of Experts on Patents for Invention of the Council of Europe.

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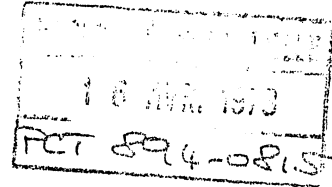
Annex C

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Patent Office

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Washington, D.C. 20231

April 12, 1973

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Head, Industrial Property Division  
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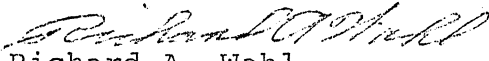
Re: Comments on Revised Second Draft of PCT Forms

Dear Dr. Pfanner:

This is in response to your request of February 20, 1973, for comments on the Revised Forms and Explanatory Notes (PCT documents PCT/TCO/SS/IV/2 and 4) prior to the April 25 - 30, 1973 session.

Enclosed find a copy of our written comments and also a marked up version of the revised forms.

Sincerely,

  
Richard A. Wahl  
Assistant Commissioner

Enclosures (2)

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The following comments have been prepared for the Fourth Session of the Standing Subcommittee of the Interim Committee for Technical Cooperation to be held April 25-30, 1973.

These comments cover only documents PCT/TCO/SS/IV/2, Draft Forms; and PCT/TCO/SS/IV/4, Explanatory Notes.

Documents PCT/TCO/SS/IV/3 and /5 were not available when these comments were prepared.

April 16, 1973

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Comments on Forms and Related Material  
in Explanatory Notes

PCT/RO/101. In the checklist, under "B", item 7, provide a specific reference for "Applicant opts to transmit record copy." as provided for in Rule 22.2. A form could also be provided for the written notice referred to in Rule 22.2(b). Alternatively, an item could be provided on the request form which would read "[ ] Applicant hereby opts to, A [ ] collect, B [ ] have mailed to him, the record copy for transmittal to the International Bureau."

Item III, "Inventor", sufficient space should be provided on page 2 for the naming of at least two inventors.

List the pertinent rules at each item heading. The additional explanation would be especially beneficial in this form as it is normally completed by the applicant or his agent.

Under each of items II, III, IV, V and VI, a phrase with a check box should be provided to refer the reader to supplemental sheets in cases where additional information on these items might appear on supplementary sheets. This should facilitate the preparation of records by the Receiving Office.

In item VIII, --(if available)-- should be inserted after "Number of Request".

Rule 4 should be cited under the title of the form.

PCT/RO/102. In the heading, the word "Purported" should be deleted as misleading since at the time of mailing of the

form, the application, at least as to fees, is in fact an international application and would retain such status until expiration of the response period set by the form.

Provide another form similar to PCT/RO/102 for use by the applicant in calculating the amount of the fees required.

There are three form paragraphs indicating the possibility of prescribing three different time limits for submission of fees. The transmittal and search fees as well as the basic part of the international fee should all be collected within one time period under the provisions of PCT Rule 15.4. Since the search fee, PCT Rule 16.1(b), and basic fee, PCT Rule 15.4 (a) (i), must be paid within one month of receipt of the international application, the transmittal fee should also be collected within the one month period.

On page 7 of PCT/TCO/SS/IV/4, (explanatory notes) in the last line of the second paragraph after "group" add --all other States of that group are covered--.

The pertinent rules should be cited after the title for each specific fee.

Items 3A and 3B should be redesigned to allow calculation of fees directly on the form.

A summary of all fees should be included.

SUMMARY:

Transmittal fee required	\$ _____
Search fee required	\$ _____
International fee required:	
Basic	\$ _____
Designation	\$ _____
Total Fees Required	\$ _____
Total Fees Paid	\$ _____
[ ] Balance due	\$ _____
[ ] Overpayment	\$ _____

PCT/RO/103. No comment.

PCT/RO/104. No comment.

PCT/RO/105. The title of the invention should be included in the heading of this notice to allow the applicant to identify a particular application where on the same date he may have filed several applications. If no title is included in the application a reference to the subject matter of the invention could be inserted by the Receiving Office.

PCT/RO/106. On page 7 of the explanatory notes under PCT/RO/6, "item 2", first line, "notified" should be --sent--.

The annexes should be given identifying letters for easy reference. For example, page 2 could be "Annex A" and pages 3 and 4, "Annex B".

PCT/RO/107. In the form, "filed" at the end of the first paragraph should be changed to --received--.

In the second paragraph, line 3, "above" should be canceled, and in the last line after "non-existent" insert --and the original filing date will be retained--.

PCT/RO/108. No comment.

PCT/RO/109. On page 9 of the explanatory notes, the reference to PCT/IPEA/"214" should be --412--.

In the form, item a., insert --of obvious errors in the request-- after "rectification" since this is the only rectification the receiving office can authorize.

PCT/RO/110. In the explanatory notes, page 9, under PCT/RO/110, "317" should be --316--.

PCT/RO/111. No comments on this form are found in the explanatory notes. At least a statement that it parallels form PCT/IB/317 should be included.

On the form a parenthetical note such as --(only if copies of the international application have been sent)-- should be placed opposite the International Bureau and International Search Authority addressees.

PCT/RO/112. No comment.

PCT/RO/113. No comment.

PCT/RO/114. No comment.

PCT/RO/115. On page 10 of the explanatory notes under PCT/RO/115, last sentence, "not timely found" should read --timely but found not--.

PCT/RO/116. Rule 15.4(b) should be cited at the end of the first paragraph.

PCT/RO/117. No comment.

PCT/RO/118. The form as presently designed does not provide check boxes for all information which may be transmitted; for example, letters of withdrawal of applications or designations (Rule 32.1(c)) or listings of those numbers that will not be used as international application numbers (Rule 20.7(ii)). However, it is questionable whether the addition of two extra check boxes would be worthwhile. In fact, the whole concept of merely identifying the types of documents by check boxes is questioned. An identification of a type of document is only of value insofar as it relates to a particular international application. It is strongly suggested that the form be completely revised so that the relationship between the type of document and a given international application is readily apparent in the cover letter itself.

Application Number	Filing or Receipt Date	Applicant	Request for Document Date & Reference No.	Type of Document
1.				
2.				
3.				

PCT/RO/119. No comment.

PCT/RO/120. No comment.

PCT/RO/121. No comment.

PCT/RO/122. Under the title of the form, "(d)" should read --22.2(d)--. The use of alternative expressions may be



clearer if "received" and "transmits" are also placed within parentheses. A diagonal slash between the alternative expressions would also highlight the alternative possibilities.

PCT/RO/123. No comment.

PCT/RO/124. No comment.

PCT/ISA/201. In the interest of clarity and to conserve space, it is suggested that both the "Citation" and "Application of Citations" sections of forms PCT/ISA/201 and PCT/ISA/210 be combined into single sections on each form. PCT Rule 43.5 requires only a listing of the documents considered relevant, together with an identification of the various claims to which the listed documents relate. There is no need to list all the documents under items 1 and 2 in the "Citation" section and then repeat this listing under items 1 and 2 in the "Application of Citations" section when linking the documents to particular claims. A single section such as follows would satisfy the Rule:

Citations and Relevance (PCT Rule 43.5)		
Documents	Relevant Claims	Comments
U.S. 2,405,601	All	Fig. 5, best
USSR 1,901,200	2,5,6,8	_____
France 504,609	5,7	_____
Agriculture Engineering May 72, Vol. 26 No. 3	All	Page 26, Figs. 3 and 4

PCT/ISA/202. A parenthetical expression should be placed after the Receiving Office addressee to indicate that a copy should be forwarded only if it is a different office than the International Searching Authority.

PCT/ISA/203. No comment.

PCT/ISA/204. "Rule 38" should be changed to --Rule 38.2-- under the title of the form.

PCT/ISA/205. The last sentence should appear in upper and lower case letters and be rewritten to read --Accordingly, the definite contents of the abstract are set forth in the text annexed hereto.--

PCT/ISA/206. Rule 40 should also be cited below the title. A notation indicating the ability to protest under Rule 40.2(c) should be included.

PCT/ISA/207. No comment.

PCT/ISA/208. "Item 1.a." should be --item 1-- and read --The comments have been considered and the necessary corrections have been made to the translation to the extent that this Authority is in agreement with the comments.--. "Item 1.b." should be --item 2-- and read --The comments are not agreed with for the following reason(s):--.

"Item 2" should be --item 3-- and read --The comments have not been considered due to lack of time.--

A sentence somewhat as follows should be added:

--Applicant may send a copy of his comments, or what remains

of them, to the International Bureau and each designated Office to which the translation was communicated.--.

PCT/ISA/209. No comment.

PCT/ISA/210. An address box and the date of mailing should be included to make this a self-contained transmittal document and to avoid the necessity of a cover letter form such as PCT/ISA/220.

With regard to the citation of documents and the application of such documents to the claims see our comments re form PCT/ISA/201.

The title of item V should be change to --Title, Abstract and Figure--.

A paragraph setting the time period for amendments, such as the last paragraph of PCT/ISA/10 in forms document PCT/TCO/SS/III/2 dated June 22, 1972, should be included between items VII and VIII.

A space should be provided for specific identification of earlier International and International-type Search Reports used in establishing the Search Report.

PCT/ISA/211. In the text, line 2, parentheses should be placed around "received" and in line 2, "herewith" should immediately follow "transmits" with parentheses around "transmits herewith". A diagonal slash should be placed between the alternative possibilities as suggested in PCT/RO/122.

PCT/ISA/212. Form PCT/ISA/206 could be identified at the end of 2a.

PCT/ISA/213. No comment.

PCT/ISA/214. The body of the form should be reworked to more clearly define what is sought under Article 49. For example, the inquiry might read as follows: --Pursuant to Article 49 and PCT Rule 83.1, proof of the right to practice before the national office of \_\_\_\_\_ with which the above-identified international application was filed is requested for the below named person.--

As presently worded the form does not bring out the importance of the right to practice before the "national Office" with which the application was filed, Article 49.

PCT/ISA/215. The annexes should be given letter identifiers for easy reference.

PCT/ISA/216. The second and third paragraphs could be rewritten to read: --In view of the type of document in which the obvious error is contained, applicant is invited to submit a request for rectification thereof to the following named Authority for authorization.--

PCT/ISA/217. No comment.

PCT/ISA/218. No comment.

PCT/ISA/219. This form should be redesigned to provide an itemized listing of the search reports and cited documents and to relate the same to the corresponding international applications.

PCT/ISA/220. Adoption of the suggestion that an address box and the "Date of Mailing" be included on the Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) so that the report may be treated as a self-contained transmittal document would render this form unnecessary in which case it should be deleted.

PCT/IB/301. Since Rule 24.2(a) requires that the Receiving Office be named it should be included in the heading of the form. The specific form (PCT/IB/309) to be annexed should be identified.

PCT/IB/302. The text could be improved by moving "the record copy of" from line 4 to after "application" in line 5.

PCT/IB/303. No comment.

PCT/IB/304. No comment.

PCT/IB/305. The text could be changed to --The number of the earlier application, whose priority is claimed in the above-identified international application, was furnished on \_\_\_\_\_ (date), which date is after the expiration of the 16th month from the priority date.--.

The title of this form on page 70, index, of PCT/TCO/SS/IV/2 should be amended to conform to that on the form itself.

PCT/IB/306. The parenthetical expressions and the words "in the" following these expressions should be deleted. In item a., "of record" should be canceled and item b. should read --Applicant or address as changed--. It is assumed that this form could also be used to change the agent's name or address per Rule 2.

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PCT/IB/307. Add to the first paragraph after "that" --except as to any designated State in which national processing or examination has already begun under Article 23(2)--. It is noted that inclusion of this phrase would not be necessary if the International Bureau had prior notice that national processing had begun in a designated State. Where the International Bureau has prior notification, there would be no need to send this form to such as State, as the notification would have no effect on national processing.

PCT/IB/308. No comment.

PCT/IB/309. The intent of the reference to a regional Office in the explanation of this form on page 17 of the explanatory notes is not understood. No comment on the form itself.

PCT/IB/310. It is suggested that the text and format of this form be completely revised following to the extent possible the revised format suggested for PCT/RO/118.

The following documents are hereby transmitted:

Application Number	I.A. Filing or Receipt Date	Applicant's Name	Type of Document
1.			
2.			
3.			
etc.			

International Bureau

PCT/IB/311. No comment.

PCT/IB/312. See comments on PCT/ISA/211.

PCT/IB/313. The annexes should be given identifying letters for easy reference.

PCT/IB/314. See comments on PCT/ISA/216.

PCT/IB/315. Delete reference to Rule 91.1(h) since it is not pertinent in this form.

PCT/IB/316 to 321. No comment.

PCT/IB/322. Rules 44.3(c) and 71.2(c) should be cited. In the text, line 3, "received" should be enclosed in parentheses and in line 4, "herewith" should follow "transmits" and both expressions enclosed in parentheses separated by a diagonal slash.

PCT/IB/323. See comments on PCT/ISA/214.

PCT/IB/324. Rule 15.4(b) should also be cited.

PCT/IB/325. In the first paragraph, last line, the expression --on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)-- should be inserted after "withdraw" to inform the designated offices as to the date on which applicant was notified by form PCT/RO/117. Designated offices will need this date to determine whether or not national fees and, if required, translations are received within two months of the mailing date of the Receiving Office's notification to the applicant that the international application is considered to be withdrawn.

PCT/IB/326. No comment.

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PCT/IB/327. See comments for PCT/ISA/211.

PCT/IB/328 to PCT/IPEA/417. These forms relating to Chapter II have not been reviewed in detail. However, to the extent possible the substance and format of the forms of Chapter II should always be consistent with that of the corresponding forms in Chapter I.

END