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*Modifications of the Administrative Instructions Under the PCT*

*Standard for the Electronic Filing and Processing  
of International Applications: Modifications and  
New Consolidated Text of Appendix I of Annex F*

1. This Circular concerns modifications of Appendix I of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) to be promulgated with effect from January 1, 2005, and the publication of a new consolidated text of Appendix I of Annex F. The modifications make changes of a technical nature to a number of the DTDs (Document Type Definitions) set out in Appendix I. DTDs define the structure of documents in XML (eXtensible Mark-up Language) format.
2. Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions containing, respectively, the legal framework and the technical standard for electronic filing and processing of international applications, entered into force on January 7, 2002 (see *PCT Gazette* S-04/2001 dated December 27, 2001). Those provisions have since been modified on several occasions. The consolidated texts of Part 7, Annex F and Appendix I of Annex F are contained, respectively, in documents PCT/AI/2 (see also *PCT Gazette* S-04/2004 dated July 1, 2004, as well as document PCT/AI/2 Corr.), PCT/AI/ANF/1 and PCT/AI/DTD/1, which are available on WIPO's Website at <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.htm>. Some further modifications to Annex F and its Appendix I, with effect from January 1, 2005, are contained, respectively, in documents PCT/AI/ANF/1 Rev.1 and PCT/AI/ANF/1 Rev.2, and in document PCT/AI/DTD/1 Rev.1, which are also available on WIPO's Website.
3. The present modifications are based on PCT/EF/PFC 04/006 file, which is available on WIPO's Website at [http://www.wipo.int/pct/efiling\\_standard/en/index.html](http://www.wipo.int/pct/efiling_standard/en/index.html). The International Bureau took into account all comments received after consultation under Rule 89.2(b) of the Regulations under the PCT, in accordance with the change

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procedure provided for in section 2.5.5 of Annex F (expedited consideration of proposals for change), with the national and regional patent Offices of, or acting for, all PCT Contracting States, with PCT International Authorities and with interested intergovernmental organizations, as well as with certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system (see Circular C. PCT 1006, dated November 1, 2004).

4. Following that consultation, sections 3 to 5 of Appendix I of Annex F are modified. The text of these modifications is set out in document PCT/AI/DTD/1 Rev.2 dated December 16, 2004. The modifications will be promulgated in *PCT Gazette* No. 51/2004 on December 16, 2004, with effect from January 1, 2005.

5. In addition, a new consolidated text of Appendix I of Annex F, as in force from January 1, 2005, has been prepared by the International Bureau and is now set out in document PCT/AI/DTD/2 dated December 16, 2004. The new consolidated text includes the text set out in document PCT/AI/DTD/1 dated June 17, 2004, as modified by documents PCT/AI/DTD/1 Rev.1 dated August 2, 2004, and PCT/AI/DTD/1 Rev.2 dated December 16, 2004.

6. The full text of both documents PCT/AI/DTD/1 Rev.2 and PCT/AI/DTD/2 is published on WIPO's Website at <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.htm>; paper copies are available from the International Bureau upon request.

Sincerely yours,



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