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Madam,
Sir,

In accordance with Rule 89.2(a) of the Regulations under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), modifications to Annex A of the Administrative Instructions, Forms for use by applicants and International Authorities, are hereby promulgated with effect from April 1, 2005.

This follows consultation under Rule 89.2(b) of the Regulations under the PCT with your Office in its capacity as receiving Office (RO), International Searching Authority (ISA), International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) or designated/elected Office (DO/EO), and also with certain non-governmental organizations, regarding the modification of forms relating to ROs, ISAs and IPEAs.

The modifications are as proposed by Circular C.PCT 1012 (dated December 14, 2004) except where further changes have been made as a result of consultations, as indicated below (editorial and minor drafting changes are not specifically mentioned).

PCT/RO/101 - As a result of consultation with the receiving Office of the United States of America (RO/US), the second paragraph on page 5 of the Notes to the Request Form for Box No. VIII (iv) concerning the declaration of inventorship referred to in Rule 4.17(iv) has been modified. As a result of consultations with certain Offices, the Fee Calculation Sheet (Annex to the Request) has been modified to include a clarification regarding the mode of payment.

PCT/IPEA/434 and PCT/IPEA/443 - Although modifications to these two Forms were not proposed in consultation Circular C.PCT 1012 (dated December 14, 2004), minor inconsistencies in the English and French versions have been corrected.

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Modified Forms relating to receiving Offices

The list of RO Forms affected is as follows:

PCT/RO/101 (modified as proposed by Circular C.PCT 1012 and as a result of consultation)

PCT/RO/157 (modified as proposed by Circular C.PCT 1012)

PCT/RO/198 (RO/IB) (modified as proposed by Circular C.PCT 1012)

PCT/RO/199 (RO/IB) (modified as proposed by Circular C.PCT 1012)

Modified Forms relating to International Searching Authorities

The list of ISA Forms affected is as follows:

PCT/ISA/201 (modified as proposed by Circular C.PCT 1012 and as a result of consultation)

PCT/ISA/202 (modified as proposed by Circular C.PCT 1012)

PCT/ISA/203 (modified as proposed by Circular C.PCT 1012 and further modified to correct minor inconsistencies in English version)

PCT/ISA/206 (modified as proposed by Circular C.PCT 1012 and as a result of consultation)

PCT/ISA/210 (modified as proposed by Circular C.PCT 1012 and as a result of consultation)

PCT/ISA/212 (modified as proposed by Circular C.PCT 1012)

PCT/ISA/225 (modified as proposed by Circular C.PCT 1012 and further modified to correct minor inconsistencies in English version)

PCT/ISA/228 (deleted as proposed by Circular C.PCT 1012)

PCT/ISA/237 (modified as proposed by Circular C.PCT 1012 and as a result of consultation)

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Modified Forms relating to International Preliminary Examining Authorities

The list of IPEA Forms affected is as follows:

PCT/IPEA/401 (modified as proposed by Circular C.PCT 1012)

PCT/IPEA/405 (modified as proposed by Circular C.PCT 1012 and as a result of consultation)

PCT/IPEA/408 (modified as proposed by Circular C.PCT 1012 and as a result of consultation)

PCT/IPEA/409 (modified as proposed by Circular C.PCT 1012 and as a result of consultation)

PCT/IPEA/420 (modified as proposed by Circular C.PCT 1012)

PCT/IPEA/434 (modified to correct minor inconsistencies in French version)

PCT/IPEA/437 (deleted as proposed by Circular C.PCT 1012)

PCT/IPEA/441 (modified as proposed by Circular C.PCT 1012 and further modified to correct minor inconsistencies in English version)

PCT/IPEA/443 (modified to correct minor inconsistencies in English version)

The modified Forms should be used from April 1, 2005. Where an Office or an Authority is not in a position to use all of them from that date, the old Forms, to the extent that they are still applicable or, where required, with additions or corrections, may still be used for a transitional period.

Availability of Modified Forms

The modified Forms are available in PDF format from the WIPO website, "Forms in force from April 2005" at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/>. Offices which need blank originals, marked-up copies and/or electronic files of the Forms should contact the PCT Legal Division at: pct.legal@wipo.int.

Offices which use languages other than English and French are requested to prepare the Forms needed by them in such other languages with due regard to the provisions of Section 102 of the Administrative Instructions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis Gurry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "F" and a long, sweeping underline.

Francis Gurry
Deputy Director General