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Madam,
Sir,

Promulgation of Modifications to the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines

Following consultation with your Office in its capacity as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), modifications to the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines (“the Guidelines”) are hereby promulgated with effect from October 1, 2015. The modifications are as proposed in in Circular C. PCT 1455, dated May 22, 2015, except for minor clarifications and corrections that were noted during the consultation.

The modifications have been incorporated into a consolidated version of the Guidelines as in force from October 1, 2015, which is available as document PCT/GL/ISPE/4 from the WIPO web site at <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/gdlines.html>. The French version of the Guidelines will be made available on the web site shortly.

Yours sincerely,



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