

ASEAN PATENT EXAMINATION CO-OPERATION (ASPEC)

**ASEAN SUB-REGIONAL WORKSHOP
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ASPEC is a work-sharing initiative among ASEAN IP Offices in the area of patent work.

Launched on 15 June 2009.

Revised on 15 April 2012.

9 participating ASEAN countries:-

- Brunei
- Cambodia
- Indonesia
- Lao PDR
- Malaysia
- Philippines
- Singapore
- Thailand
- Viet Nam

The objectives of the programme are:

- **Reduced work and faster turnaround time.** Reference to earlier work could help an examiner to develop his search criteria or strategy more quickly, reduce searching and/or assist the examiner to understand the claimed invention faster. Faster prosecution of the patent application is, therefore, possible.
- **Better search and examination** – The other patent authorities might have access to databases unavailable to the examiner (e.g. specific technical databases, local databases, databases in other languages). Therefore, the opportunity to refer to these search and examination results could provide the examiner with information on and assessment of prior art which he or she would otherwise not have access to.

- **Patent applicant in one ASEAN Member Country (AMS) is allowed to submit the first available search & examination (S&E) documents in any participating AMS.**
- **The AMS receiving such S&E documents will take that document into consideration as a reference source in its S&E work.**
- **No obligation to accept the results from another jurisdiction.**
- **No changes to legislation is required.**
- **Advantageous for companies in individual AMS desiring to go regional as there are time and cost savings.**

- The Working Group shall work collaboratively with each other towards the sharing of patent search and examination results between participating IP Offices so as to enhance the cooperation between these offices in the area of patent search and examination.**

(Extract from Terms of Reference)

ASEAN Patent Examination Cooperation Initiative (ASPEC)

Working Group Terms of Reference (ToR)

1. Purpose and Objective of the ASEAN Patent Examination Co-operation

1.1 On 15 June 2009, the IP Offices from 8 participating ASEAN member states (AMS) namely Singapore, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam commenced the ASEAN Patent Examination Co-operation (ASPEC) programme.

1.2 ASPEC is a programme for IP Offices the search and examination results Office as reference in its own search only allow patent applicants making a participating AMS IP Offices to obtain more efficiently, it will also help to reduce work, increase turnaround time and examination results.

2. Working Group on ASPEC

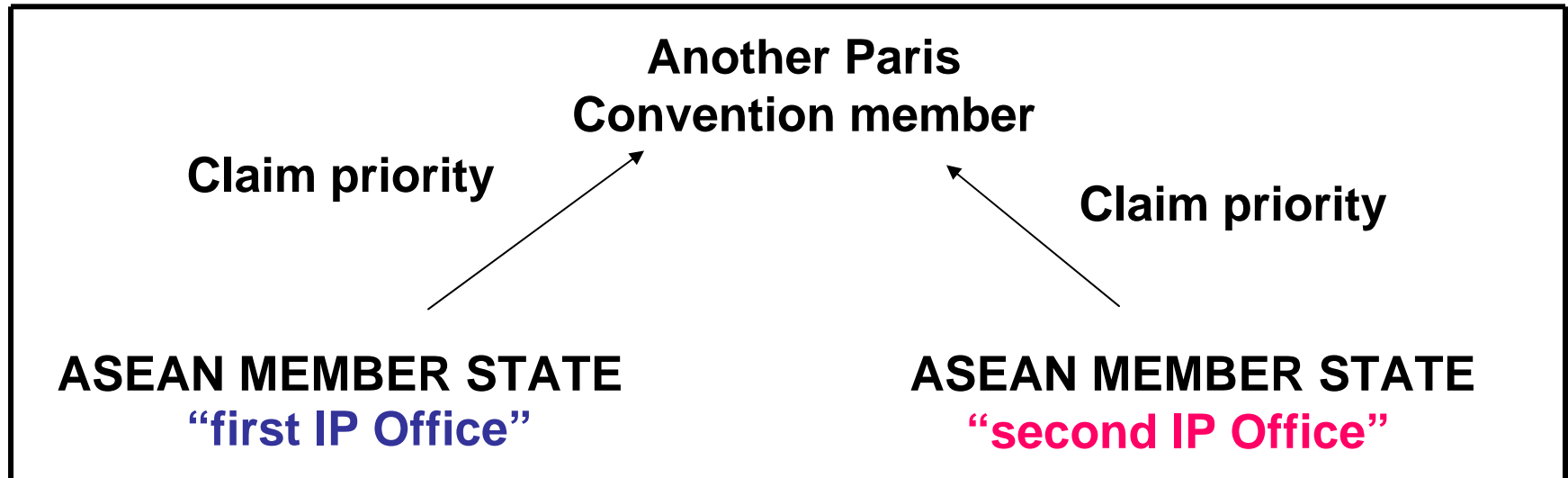
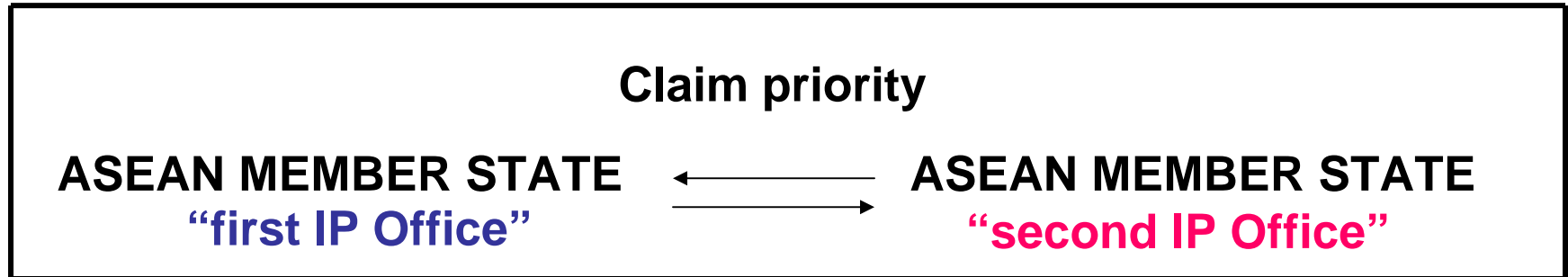
2.1 The Working Group on ASPEC, to be AWGIPC Chair, shall comprise the 8 p

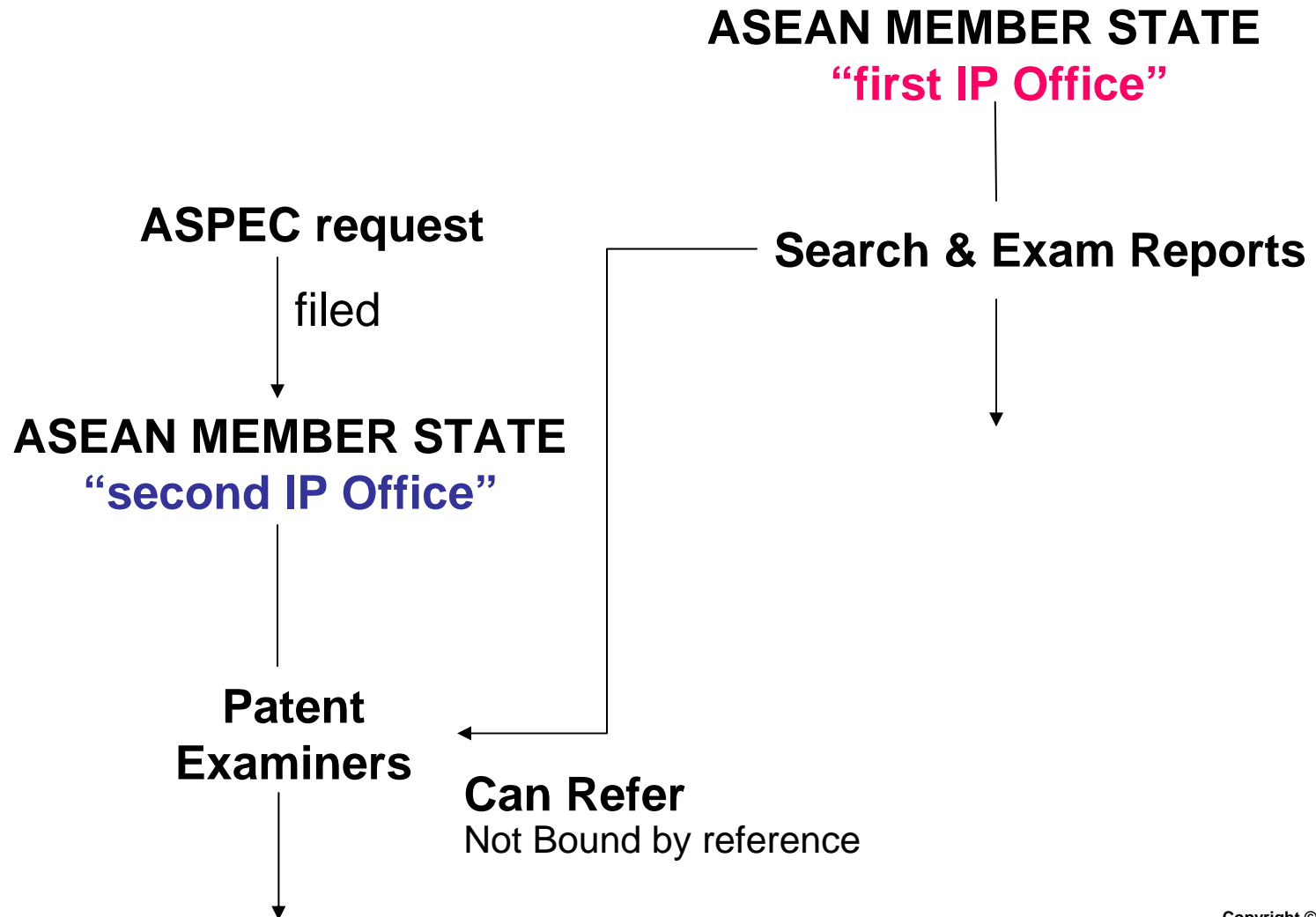
2.2 The 2 other AMS IP Offices who have Working Group as members

3.2 To enable the effective and efficient implementation of the ASPEC programme in participating AMS, the scope of the Working Group's work shall include, but is not limited to, the following:-




- (i) Engage in information exchange to increase familiarity and understanding of the search and examination practices and reports of each of the AMS IP Offices including search methodologies, parameters of search, patent classification systems, etc.;
- (ii) Explore other work sharing initiatives like IP5 and the Vancouver Group with a view to incorporating or aligning elements like training and search strategies with a view to improving ASPEC;
- (iii) Identify possible avenues and platforms where search and examination reports can be shared amongst AMS IP Offices;
- (iv) Promote the greater use of ASPEC among the patent applicants in respective AMS.

AMS = ASEAN MEMBER STATES







ASPEC requirements in SG: In a nutshell

ELIGIBILITY FOR ASPEC REFERENCE	
ASPEC request is filed by any SG patent applicant in SG (“second IP Office”)	
The SG patent applicant claims priority from an application filed with an ASPEC member (“first IP Office”) or shares the same priority as the ASPEC member (“first IP Office”)	
The search and examination (S&E) results established by the ASPEC member (“first IP Office”) are available and referred to in the ASPEC request	

ASPEC requirements in SG: In a nutshell

ASPEC REQUEST FILED	
Minimum Documents: (In English or English translations) Search report + Examination report	
Patent Claims referred to in the Minimum Documents (In English or English translations)	
Cited Documents & their translations need not be filed at the time the ASPEC request is made but IPOS may ask for them later	If required

ASEAN PATENT EXAMINATION CO-OPERATION (ASPEC) REQUEST FORM

APPLICATION NO.			
APPLICANT(S) NAME			
Further applicants are to be indicated on an additional sheet			
NAME OF AGENT/ATTORNEY			
ADDRESS FOR SERVICE¹			
CORRESPONDING APPLICATION(S)² * Documents submitted should include	COUNTRY CODE³ / APPLICATION NO.	PRIORITY APPLICATION NO.⁴	DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED* (Y/N)
1. a copy of the search report			
2. a copy of the examination report			
3. a copy of claims referred to in the examination report; and			
4. a claim correspondence table (optional).			
SIGNATURE / DATE			

ASEAN PATENT EXAMINATION CO-OPERATION (ASPEC)
EXAMINER'S SURVEY FORM

RECEIVING AMS ¹	
PATENT APPLICATION NO ² .	

REPORT SUBMITTED ³	Considered? Y/N	If no, reason for not considering
<i>e.g. SG/200900000-1</i>	Y	

OVERALL EXPERIENCE ON USING S&E DOCUMENTS FROM OTHER AMS

Impact on quality of the S&E work (please tick)

None/Minimal Some Substantial

Relevance to the S&E work (please tick)

None/Minimal Some Substantial

Estimated time savings (please tick)

None/Minimal Some Substantial

Similarity between own S&E results and results in S&E documents submitted (please tick)

None/Minimal Some Substantial

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Notice and Procedures [ASPECNoticeProcedures30Apr2012.pdf](#)

ASPEC Request Form [ASPECRequestForm.doc](#)
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Links to other participating ASEAN Member States:

Brunei Darussalam: <http://www.brunei-patents.com.bn/>

Cambodia: <http://www.mime.gov.kh/>

Indonesia: <http://www.dgip.go.id/>

Malaysia: <http://www.myipo.gov.my/>

The Philippines: <http://www.ipophil.gov.ph/>

Lao PDR: <http://www.nast.gov.la/>

Thailand: <http://www.ipthailand.go.th/>

Viet Nam: <http://www.noip.gov.vn/>

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 ASPEC Request Form Example

Links to other participating ASEAN Member States:
 Brunei Darussalam: <http://www.brunel-patents.com.bn>
 Cambodia: <http://www.mime.gov.kh>
 Indonesia: <http://www.dgip.go.id>
 Singapore: <http://www.ipos.gov.sg>
 The Philippines: <http://www.ipophil.gov.ph>
 Lao PDR: <http://www.nast.gov.la>
 Thailand: <http://www.ipthailand.go.th>
 Viet Nam: <http://www.nolp.gov.vn>

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ASEAN Patent Examination Co-operation (Aspec)



ASEAN Patent Examination Co-operation (ASPEC) Programme



ASEAN Patent Examination Co-Operation (ASPEC) Request Form



Peningkatan Program Kerja Sama Pemeriksaan Paten ASEAN (ASEAN Patent Examination Co-operation (ASPEC) Program)



The screenshot shows the IP PHL website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, IP Office, IP Resources, IP Enforcement, IP Cases, IP Business, and IP Knowledge. A search bar is located on the left. The main content area features a news article titled "OFFICE ORDER NO. 85 Series of 2012 re: RULES OFPROCEDURE FOR THE ASEAN PATENT EXAMINATION COOPERATION (ASPEC) PROGRAM". The article text includes a list of six items for download: 1. OFFICE ORDER NO. 85 Series of 2012 (pdf format), 2. ASEAN PATENT EXAMINATION CO-OPERATION (ASPEC) REQUEST FORM (word format), 3. ASPEC NOTICE and PROCEDURES, 4. ANNEX - TABLE on the ASPEC REQUIREMENTS and PROCEDURES in AMS IP OFFICES, 5. SAMPLE ASPEC REQUEST FORM, and 6. ASEAN PATENT EXAMINATION LINKS and CONTACTS. On the right side, there is an "Event Calendar" for July 2012, showing dates 7, 8, 9, and 10, with "7 IPR Week" and "9 Annit" noted. Below the calendar is an "Archive" button. On the left side, there is a "Whats New" section with three items: "ITSO Calendar of Activities 2012" (06/19/2012), "Establishment of IPOPHL's Patent Protection Incentive Package (PPIP)" (03/26/2012), and "Office Order No. 163, s.2012: Madrid Protocol".



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- งานเสวนา เรื่อง "เปิดเพลงสากลอย่างไร ปลอดภัย ไม่ละเมิดลิขสิทธิ์" ครั้งที่.. **News**
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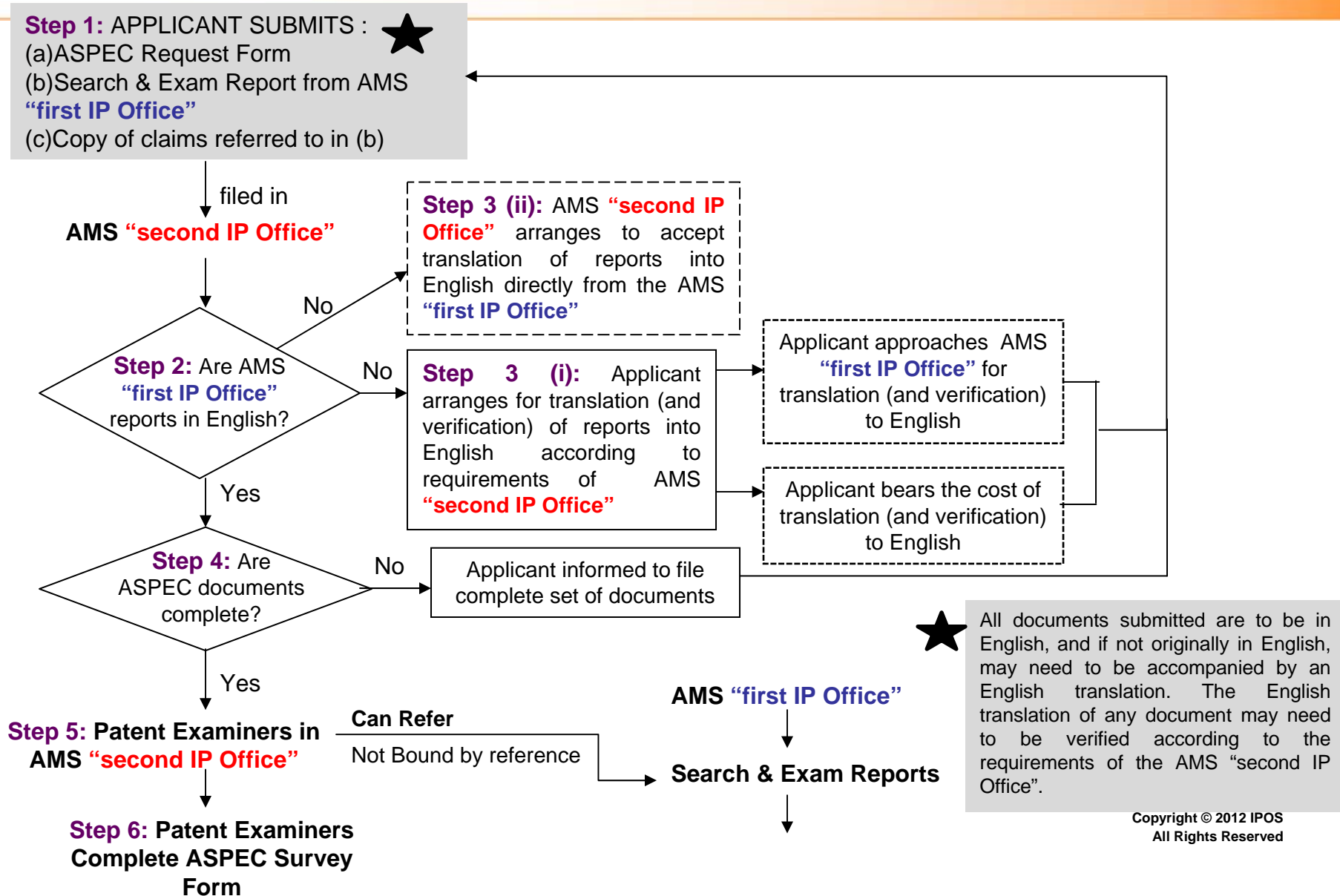
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Thông báo mở đăng ký

- **ASEAN Technical Meeting on ASPEC Implementation was held in Philippines in April 2010.**
- **AWGIPC in 2010 approved the ASPEC Task Force Terms of Reference.**
- **Task Force was thereafter created and a meeting was convened in Philippines in May 2011 to discuss, among others,:**
 - **Procedures & Operations of ASPEC**
 - **Challenges & Possible Solutions**
 - **Way Forward**
- **The ASPEC rules of procedures have been revised and was adopted at the Special AWGIPC session in November 2011.**
- **All AMS IP Offices are operationally ready to accept ASPEC requests based on the revised rules of procedures.**



Revised ASPEC Concepts

ANNEX

Overview of the Requirements, Procedures and Services at the Participating AMS IP Offices in relation to the ASPEC Programme

The tables below provide an overview of the requirements, procedures and services at the ASPEC participating AMS IP Offices acting as either AMS "first IP Office" or AMS "second IP Office". Reference should be made to the respective AMS IP Office for further information relating to the information contained in the tables below.

Requirements and Services at the AMS First IP Offices

AMS First IP Office	Are Search & Examination Reports Issued in English	Are English translation (and verification) services of non-English ASPEC documents ¹ provided for at the AMS First IP Office
Brunei Darussalam	Yes	All documents including search reports must be issued in English
Cambodia	Yes (Search and examination reports are issued by foreign authorities)	Not Applicable as reports are already issued in English
Indonesia	No	No
Lao PDR	No	Not Applicable
Malaysia	Yes	Not Applicable as reports are already issued in English
Philippines	Yes	Not Applicable as reports are already issued in English
Singapore	Yes	Not Applicable as reports are already issued in English
Thailand	No	Yes
Viet Nam	No	No

Requirements and Procedures at the AMS Second IP Offices

AMS Second IP Office	When can the ASPEC Request be filed at the AMS Second IP Office	Will the AMS Second IP Office request the AMS First IP Office for English translation ² of non-English ASPEC documents ³	Will the AMS Second IP Office accept English translation of non-English ASPEC documents ³ by the Applicant	Will the English translation of the non-English ASPEC Documents ³ need to be verified	Is Acceleration of the patent application, when ASPEC request is filed, provided for		
Brunei Darussalam	On the same day as filing the search request, search & examination request or the response to the written opinion.	No	Yes	Yes	No		
Cambodia	On the same day as filing the search request, search & examination request.	No	Yes	Yes	No		
Indonesia	On the same minimum rec as in Nations fulfilled.						
Lao PDR	On the same filing the request, se examination r examination re						
Malaysia	On the same filing the rec examination response 1						
Philippines	At any time b Request Substantive Examination which can be: - at the time the applicati - when a res an Office #						
		AMS Second IP Office	When can the ASPEC Request be filed at the AMS Second IP Office	Will the AMS Second IP Office request the AMS First IP Office for English translation ² of non-English ASPEC documents ³	Will the AMS Second IP Office accept English translation of non-English ASPEC documents ³ by the Applicant	Will the English translation of the non-English ASPEC Documents ³ need to be verified	Is Acceleration of the patent application, when ASPEC request is filed, provided for
			the Formality Examination is submitted, - upon a request for Early Publication made.				before 15 months but not earlier than six (6) months from the filing date (Rule 500.1-Early Publication)
Singapore	On the same day as filing the search request, search & examination request, examination request or the response to the written opinion.	No	Yes	Yes	No		
Thailand	On the same day as filing the request of substantive examination or the response to the written opinion.	No	Yes	Yes	No		
Viet Nam	Legally, ASPEC request can be filed anytime before HCIP issues final decision, i.e. decision of grant or decision of refusal, but it may be more useful if ASPEC request is filed before HCIP issues first notification of substantive examination results.	No	Yes	No, except some particular cases when there are contradiction(s) or doubt(s) or the likes in the content of the ASPEC documents.	No		

THANK YOU