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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULE 25.1
OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT

[Proposals by the Delegation of Sweden](#)

[Background](#)

The Swedish Patent Office has through its contacts with the users of the PCT realized that the notification provided for in Rule 25.1 - i.e. the requirement for the International Searching Authority to notify [the applicant](#) of the receipt of the search copy - is of no real interest to the applicant. The deletion of this requirement would simplify the procedure under the PCT.

[Proposal I](#)

The deletion from Rule 25.1 of the words “the applicant”.

[Proposal II](#)

Further, it could be considered if what would remain of Rule 25.1 could be transferred to the Administrative Instructions.

A new Section therein could thus read as follows:

“The International Searching Authority shall promptly notify the International Bureau and—unless the International Searching Authority is the same as the receiving Office—the receiving Office, of the fact and the date of receipt of the search copy”.

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