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Madam,  
Sir,

In accordance with Rule 89.2(a) of the Regulations under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), further modifications to the PCT Administrative Instructions (AIs) are hereby promulgated with effect from July 1, 2008, in addition to those promulgated in Circular C.PCT 1138 dated April 2, 2008. The PCT Receiving Office Guidelines (ROGLs) have also been modified with effect from July 1, 2008.

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.

The modifications are as proposed by Circulars C.PCT 1128, dated January 15, 2008; 1131, dated February 22, 2008; and 1145, dated April 29, 2008, except where further changes have been made as a result of consultation, as indicated below.

*Modifications of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT*

Section 337 of the AIs is modified as proposed by Circular C.PCT 1145.

Appendix I of Annex F is modified in accordance with the text set out in the following proposal for change files (PFC files) as proposed in Circulars C.PCT 1128 and 1131, taking into account the recommendations of the Consultative Group as indicated in each PFC file at [www.wipo.int/efiling\\_standard/en/pfc\\_files\\_all\\_08.html](http://www.wipo.int/efiling_standard/en/pfc_files_all_08.html):

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- PCT/EF/PFC 08/001: Power of attorney
- PCT/EF/PFC 08/003: PCT 2008 Rule Changes
- PCT/EF/PFC 08/004: Updates to package-data DTD
- PCT/EF/PFC 08/006: E-mail
- PCT/EF/PFC 08/007: Sequence listings

All modified provisions of the AIs will apply to international applications filed on or after July 1, 2008.

#### *Modifications of the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines*

Paragraphs 116B, 116D and 309B of the ROGLs are modified as proposed by Circular C.PCT 1145 and as a result of consultation.

All other paragraphs are modified as proposed by Circular C.PCT 1145.

The modified ROGLs will apply to international applications filed on or after July 1, 2008, provided that modified paragraphs 159, 267 and 309B should be applied to international applications as of July 1, 2008, irrespective of their international filing date.

#### *Availability of modified AIs and ROGLs*

The consolidated texts of the main body of the AIs (PCT/AI/7), the main body of Annex F (PCT/AI/ANF/3) (modified by Circular C.PCT 1138 but not affected by this Circular) and Appendix I of Annex F (PCT/AI/DTD/5) are available from the WIPO website under “PCT Administrative Instructions (as in force from July 1, 2008)” at [www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/). The consolidated text of the ROGLs (PCT/GL/RO/6) is available from the website under “PCT Receiving Office Guidelines (as in force from July 1, 2008)” at [www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/gdlines.htm](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/gdlines.htm).

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