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Madam,
Sir,

In accordance with Rule 89.2(a) of the Regulations under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), modifications to the Administrative Instructions (AIs) under the PCT, certain PCT Forms relating to the RO and the International Bureau (IB) and the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines (ROGLs), are hereby promulgated with effect from July 1, 2012.

This follows consultations under Rule 89.2(b) of the Regulations under the PCT with your Office in its capacity as RO, ISA, IPEA and/or designated/elected Office (DO/EO), and also with certain intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations. The modifications are as proposed by Circular PCT 1327, dated December 12, 2011, except where further changes have been made as a result of consultation, as indicated below (editorial and minor drafting changes are not specifically mentioned). The occasion of this circular is also used to promulgate a correction of a Rule reference in item 5, Annex A of Form PCT/RO/106.

Modifications of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT (AIs)

In respect of Sections 111, 715 and 716 of the AIs, the modifications are as proposed by Circular PCT 1327, except for an added clarification in Section 716(a)(ii) that the access code could also, in certain instances, be provided by the International Bureau.

Modifications of the Receiving Office Guidelines (ROGL)

In respect of paragraphs 46 and 50 of the ROGLs, the modifications are as proposed by Circular PCT 1327. As a result of consultation, paragraph 30 has been slightly modified to improve its clarity.

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Modifications of PCT Forms Relating to the RO and the IB

Forms PCT/RO/104 and PCT/IB/304 are modified as proposed by Circular PCT 1327.

Form PCT/RO/101 is modified as proposed by Circular PCT 1327 and as a result of consultation. In particular, the space for indicating the access code in Box No. VI has been extended to allow for the inclusion of an access code of up to ten digits. Furthermore, and as a result of consultation, some minor drafting changes have been made to the notes to the request form concerning Box No. VI.

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. The International Bureau encourages Offices to make such translations available to the International Bureau so that they can be accessed by all Offices from the WIPO website.

Availability of Modified Administrative Instructions, Receiving Office Guidelines and Forms

The consolidated text of the AIs (containing the modifications referred to herein) is available from the WIPO website under *PCT Administrative Instructions (as in force from July 1, 2012)* at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/.

The consolidated text of the ROGLs (containing the modifications referred to herein) is available from the WIPO website under *PCT Receiving Office Guidelines (as in force from July 1, 2012)* at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/gdlines.html.

The modified Forms are available from the WIPO website under *Forms in force as from July 1, 2012* at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/.

Offices which need marked-up copies and/or electronic files of any of the Forms, or AIs or ROGL should contact the PCT Legal Division via the following e-mail address: pct.legal@wipo.int.

Yours sincerely,



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