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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 under the PCT (AIs), certain PCT forms relating to the Receiving Office (RO), the International Bureau (IB) and the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) and modifications to the Receiving Office Guidelines (ROGLs) are hereby promulgated with effect from July 1, 2015.

This promulgation follows consultations under Rule 89.2(b) of the Regulations under the PCT with your Office in its capacity as RO, International Searching Authority (ISA) and IPEA and/or designated/elected Office (DO/EO) and also with certain intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations. The modifications relate to amendments of the PCT Regulations which will enter into force on July 1, 2015 and the decommissioning of PCT-EASY as proposed in Circular C. PCT 1443 dated February 6, 2015, except where further changes have been made as a result of consultation, as indicated below (editorial and minor drafting changes are not specifically mentioned).

Modifications of certain forms relating to the RO, the IB and the IPEA

The PCT request form (PCT/RO/101) is modified as proposed by Circular C. PCT 1443 and as a result of consultation. In particular, the wording in item 9 of Box No. IX has been clarified. Furthermore, on the fee calculation sheet, the Internet address (URL) of the PCT Fee Tables for information on fee reductions has been added, thus improving the information provided and aligning it with Forms PCT/IB/375 and PCT/IPEA/401.

Forms PCT/RO/102 and PCT/RO/133 are modified as proposed by Circular C. PCT 1443 and as a result of consultation. In particular, the Internet address (URL) of the PCT Fee Tables for information on fee reductions has been added.

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Form PCT/IB/375 is modified as proposed by Circular C. PCT 1443 and as a result of consultation. In particular, on the fee calculation sheet, the Internet address (URL) of the PCT Fee Tables for information on fee reductions has been added, thus improving the information provided and aligning it with Forms PCT/RO/101 and PCT/IPEA/401. Moreover, a specific space to indicate an e-mail address for E-payment purposes by credit card to the International Bureau has been reintroduced.

Form PCT/IPEA/401 is modified as proposed by Circular C. PCT 1443 and as a result of consultation. In particular, on the fee calculation sheet, the Internet address (URL) of the PCT Fee Tables for information on fee reductions has been added, thus improving the information provided and aligning it with Forms PCT/RO/101 and PCT/IB/375.

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.

Modifications to the ROGLs

Paragraphs 18A, 75, 75A, 75B, 115, 115A, 147, 163A, 165A to 165M, 229, 246A, 249A, 284A, 285A, 294 and Annex A are modified as proposed by Circular C. PCT 1443.

As a result of consultation, some editorial changes have been made to paragraphs 247 and 248.

Availability of Modified AIs, Forms and ROGLs

The consolidated text of the AIs and of the ROGLs (*as in force from July 1, 2015*) is available from the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/.

The modified forms are available from the WIPO website under *Forms in force from July 1, 2015* at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/.

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

Yours sincerely,



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