

## Singapore's Input in response to Circular C. 9141 (Part 2)

In order to maintain the information collected through the activities of the SCP up to date, the International Bureau has invited Members States and Regional Patent Offices to provide any updated information on the following topics:

- i. certain aspects of the applicable national or regional patent law, related to prior art, novelty, inventive step (non-obviousness), grace period, sufficiency of disclosure, exclusions from patentable subject matter and/or exceptions and limitations of the rights;
- ii. national and regional laws on opposition systems and other administrative revocation and invalidation mechanisms;
- iii. international worksharing and collaborative activities for search and examination of patent applications; and
- iv. compilation of laws and practices regarding the scope of client attorney privilege and its applicability to patent advisors.

Accordingly, Singapore would like to provide update for (iii) on international worksharing and collaborative activities for search and examination of patent applications:

- **For Collaborative Search and Examination** (*available at <https://www.wipo.int/patents/en/topics/worksharing/collaboration.html>*)

IPOS-Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IPVN) Collaborative Search and Examination Pilot Programme.

The pilot programme provides innovators with enhanced prior art search and examination results based on the combined expertise from both IP offices and it is designed to speed up the patent search and examination process for innovators interested to obtain patent protection in both countries.