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PCT Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots

Patent Office of the Republic of Poland joins the Global PPH pilot

On 6 January 2017, the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland joined the Global PPH (GPPH) pilot, bringing the number of Offices that have signed up to the pilot to 22.

It is recalled that under this pilot, it is possible for a request for accelerated processing to be made at any participating office based on work products (including, where applicable, a PCT written opinion from either the ISA or the IPEA, or an international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP) (Chapter II)), from any one of the other participating offices, provided that at least one claim has been found to be patentable by the office of earlier examination, and that any other applicable eligibility criteria are met. The pilot uses a single set of qualifying requirements and aims to simplify and improve the existing PPH network to make it more accessible to users.

For further information, including the eligibility requirements for making use of the GPPH pilot, see the Patent Prosecution Highway Portal Site at:

<http://www.jpo.go.jp/ppph-portal/globalpph.htm>

Information has also been published on the website of the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland at:

<http://www.uprp.pl/global-pph/Text02,860,17404,4,index,pl,searchresult/>

The PCT-PPH page of the PCT website has been updated at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/pct_pph.html

Power of Attorney Waiver

Notification under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c) (Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus)

The Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau (IB) that it waives the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. There are no particular instances in which a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney is required.

