

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

PCT

NOTIFICATION THAT SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH
REQUEST IS CONSIDERED NOT TO HAVE
BEEN SUBMITTED, AND, IF APPLICABLE,
REFUND OF FEES

(PCT Rules 45bis.1(e), 45bis.2(d),
45bis.3(d) and 45bis.4(d))

To:

Date of mailing <i>(day/month/year)</i>	
Applicant's or agent's file reference	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
International application No.	International filing date <i>(day/month/year)</i>
Applicant	

The applicant is hereby notified of the following in respect of the supplementary international search to be carried out by _____

1. The applicant is hereby notified that **the supplementary search request is declared by the International Bureau not to have been submitted** for the reason(s) indicated below:
 - a. The supplementary search request was **received** by the International Bureau **after the expiration of 19 months** from the priority date (Rule 45bis.1(e)(i)).
 - b. The **Authority specified** for supplementary search **has not stated**, in the applicable agreement under Article 16(3)(b), **its preparedness to carry out supplementary international searches** (Rule 45bis.1(e)(ii)):
 - in general
 - for the claimed subject matter of this international application
 - beyond a certain number of international applications which has now been exceeded
 - for other reasons (*specify*): _____
 - c. The **Authority specified** for supplementary search **is not competent** to carry out a supplementary international search for this international application because it is the Authority carrying out the international search under Article 16(1) (Rule 45bis.1(e)(ii)).
 - d. **Failure to correct certain defects:** An invitation (Form PCT/IB/378) to correct defects in the supplementary search request was mailed by the International Bureau on _____
 However, no corrections and/or the translation, in response to that invitation, have been received within the prescribed time limit.
 the applicant's corrections as submitted do not properly correct the defects noted under item(s) _____ in that invitation.
 - e. **Failure to pay prescribed fees:** An invitation (Form PCT/IB/377) to pay the prescribed fees was mailed by the International Bureau on _____
 However, within the time limit referred to in that invitation:
 - no fees have been paid
 - the amounts paid are not sufficient to cover the supplementary search handling fee, the supplementary search fee and the late payment fee.
2. Consequently, the International Bureau will **refund** to the applicant, in full, any amount paid in respect of the supplementary search request (Rules 45bis.2(d) and 45bis.3(d)).

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