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EXTENSION OF APPOINTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (REPUBLIC OF KOREA) AS AN INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AND PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY UNDER THE PCT

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1. All the existing International Authorities were appointed by the PCT Assembly for a period ending on December 31, 2027. Before the expiry of this period, the Assembly will need to decide on the extension of the appointment of each existing International Authority that wishes to seek an extension of its appointment, having first sought the advice of this Committee (see PCT Articles 16(3)(e) and 32(3)). Information concerning this process and the role of the Committee is set out in document PCT/CTC/33/INF/1.
2. On November 26, 2025, the Ministry of Intellectual Property (MOIP) (Republic of Korea) submitted its application for extension of appointment, which is reproduced in the Annex to this document.

3. *The Committee is invited to give its advice on this matter.*

[Annex follows]

APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF APPOINTMENT AS AN INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING
AND PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY UNDER THE PCT

1 – GENERAL

(a) Name of Office or intergovernmental organization:

Ministry of Intellectual Property (MOIP) (Republic of Korea)

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**(c) Date on which application for extension of appointment was received by the
Director General:**

November 26, 2025

2 – MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT

In addition to the annual report on the quality management system by the Office or organization for 2025 (“the QMS Report” <https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/quality/authorities#KR>) produced in accordance with paragraphs 21.31 and 21.32 of the International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines (“the Guidelines”), the Authority submits the following information.

2.1 – SEARCH AND EXAMINATION CAPACITY

Rules 36.1(i) and 63.1(i): The national Office or intergovernmental organization must have at least 100 full-time employees with sufficient technical qualifications to carry out searches and examinations.

The QMS Report provides information from the Authority on the infrastructure in place to ensure a sufficient quantity of technically qualified staff under paragraph 21.15(i) of the Guidelines, and on the training and development programs for staff involved in the search and examination process under paragraph 21.15(vi). The Authority also includes the following information on numbers of employees qualified to carry out search and examination.

Employees qualified to carry out search and examination:

Technical field	Number (in full-time equivalent)	Average experience as examiners (years)	Breakdown of qualifications
Mechanical	457	20.5	Civil service examination (12.5%),
Electrical/electronic	351	14.8	Ph.D(31.5%), Patent attorney(2.0%),
Chemistry	257	13.2	Others(54.0%)
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,065</i>	<i>15.7</i>	

Other information beyond the QMS Report and the above table (optional): MOIP has annually run a total of 36 courses, such as 7 General Courses (13 times), 16 Law Courses (21 times), 6 Examination Practice Courses (12 times), 6 Capability Building Courses (10 times), State of the Art Courses (76 times), by setting up a step-by-step professional training system so as to improve expertise of examiners and trial examiners and to strengthen their capacity.

2.2 – MINIMUM DOCUMENTATION – MAKING AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATION

Rules 36.1(ii) and 63.1(ii): That Office or organization must make available for consultation as part of the minimum documentation referred to in Rule 34, in accordance with the requirements specified in the Administrative Instructions, any patent issued, and any patent application published, by it, and where applicable by its legal predecessor(s).

The requirements specified in the Administrative Instructions are set out in [Circular C. PCT 1672](#), dated June 19, 2024.

The making available for consultation as part of the minimum documentation referred to in Rule 34 of the patents issued and patent applications published by the Office or, where applicable, the Offices that are members of the intergovernmental organization in accordance with the Understanding adopted by the PCT Assembly in paragraph 8 of document PCT/A/55/2, is reported as follows:

Either:

- The PCT Minimum Documentation Task Force has tested the availability of the patent documentation collections before November 1, 2025, and certifies that the requirements have been met. The extent and format of the documents that the Authority has made available for consultation has been published in the PCT Gazette on October 23, 2025, at <https://www.wipo.int/documents/d/pct-system/docs-en-official-notices-officialnotices.pdf#page=200>.

Or:

- The Authority reports on the availability of its patent documentation collection as follows, including a timetable for when testing and full availability can be certified by the PCT Minimum Documentation Task Force. Please also provide details of your Authority File with any links, as appropriate.

2.3 – MINIMUM DOCUMENTATION – ACCESS

Rules 36.1(iii) and 63.1(iii): That Office or organization must have in its possession, or maintain access to, at least the minimum documentation referred to in Rule 34, for search purposes in accordance with the Administrative Instructions.

The QMS Report provides information from the Authority on the infrastructure in place to ensure that at least the minimum documentation referred to in Rule 34 is available, accessible, properly arranged and maintained for search and examination purposes under paragraph 21.15(iv) of the Guidelines.

Other information beyond the QMS Report (optional): MOIP maintains access to the full PCT minimum documentation through internal databases and external subscriptions (e.g., Derwent DB).

<List of non-patent literatures obtained in MOIP>

PCT No.	Title	Document management	Note
1	J. of the Acoustical Society of America	Printed J. ('98~) E-J. (2022~)	
3	Acta Chemica Scandinavica	Printed J.('93.1~'99.2)	Discontinued
5	Bioscience, Biotechnology and Biochemistry	Printed J. ('93~)	
7	J. of the American ceramic society	Printed J. ('93~'09) E-J. (2010~)	
8	J. of the American Chemical Society	Printed J. ('80~'08) E-J. ('06~)	
10	Analytical Chemistry	Printed J. ('93~'08) E-J. ('06~)	
11	Angewandte Chemie	Printed J. ('93~'07) E-J. ('08~)	
13	Applied Optics	Printed J. ('97~'15) E-J. ('06~)	
14	Applied Physics Letters	Printed J. ('93~'16) E-J. ('10~)	
17	Automobiltechnische Zeitschrift(ATZ)	Printed J. ('94~)	
20	Aviation Week & Space Technology	Printed J. ('93~)	
27	Chemical & Engineering News	Printed J. ('80~) E-J. (2019~)	
28	Chemical & Pharmaceutical Bulletin	Printed J. ('86~) E-J. (2022~)	
29	Chemical Engineering	Printed J. ('80~)	
31	Chemical Reviews	Printed J. ('82~'90, '99~'08) E-J. ('06~)	
32	Chemical Society J. ; Chem. Communications; Dalton transactions; physical chemistry chemical physics; Organic & Biomolecular Chemistry	Printed J. ('82~'90, '93~'12) E-J. ('13~)	
33	Bulletin of the Chemical Society of Japan	Printed J. ('85~'86, '93~'05) E-J. ('06~)	
35	Chemie-Ingenieur Technik	Printed J. ('98~'07) E-J. ('08~)	
38	Chemistry and Industry	Printed J. ('83~'11) E-J. ('12~)	
41	Collection of Czechoslovak Chemical Communications	Printed J. ('98~'09)	Discontinued
45	Control Engineering	Printed J. ('84~)	
48	J.of the Electrochemical Society	Printed J. ('97~'15) E-J. ('16~)	
49	Electronic Design	Printed J. ('80~) E-J. (2025~)	
50	Electronic Engineering Design	Printed J. ('97~'02)	Discontinued

62	IBM J.of Research & Development	Printed J. ('97~'08) E-J. ('09~)	
64	IEEE J. of Quantum Electronics	E-J. ('88~)	
65	IEEE J. of Solid State Circuits	E-J. ('88~)	
66	Proceedings of the IEEE	E-J. ('88~)	
67	IEEE Spectrum	E-J. ('88~)	
68	IEEE Transactions on Aerospace and Electronic Systems	E-J. ('88~)	
69	IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing	E-J. ('88~)	
71	IEEE Transactions on Biomedical Engineering	E-J. ('88~)	
72	IEEE Transactions on Consumer Electronics	E-J. ('88~)	
73	IEEE Transactions on Communications	E-J. ('88~)	
74	IEEE Transactions on Computers	E-J. ('88~)	
75	IEEE Transactions on Electron Device	E-J. ('88~)	
77	IEEE Transactions on Instrumentation and Measurement	E-J. ('88~)	
78	IEEE Transactions on Microwave Theory and Techniques	E-J. ('88~)	
79	IEEE Transactions on Components and Packaging Technology; IEEE Transactions on Advanced Packaging; IEEE Transactions on Electronics Packaging Manufacturing	E-J. ('88~)	
81	IEEE Transactions on Ultrasonics, Ferroelectrics and Frequency Control	E-J. ('88~)	
83	Industrial & Engineering Chemistry Research	Printed J. ('87~'05) E-J. ('06~)	
85	IEICE Transactions on Fundamentals of Electronics, Communications and Computer Science;IEICE Transactions on Communications; IEICE Transactions on Electronics ; IEICE Transactions on Information and Systems	Printed J. ('71~'13) E-J. ('14~)	
90	Japanese Journal of Applied Physics	Printed J. ('93~'04) E-J. ('05~)	
91	Kobunshi Ronbunshu/japaneses J. of Polymer Science & Engineering	Printed J. ('83~)	Discontinued ('19~)
92	J. of Agricultural and Food Chemistry	Printed J. ('93~'05) E-J. ('06~)	
95	Russian J. of Applied Chemistry	Printed J. ('93~'07) E-J. ('08~)	
96	J. of Applied Physics	Printed J. ('83~'09) E-J. ('10~)	
97	J. of Applied Polymer Science	Printed J. ('83~'07) E-J. ('08~)	

98	J. of Chromatography B., Analytical Technologies in the Biomedical & life Sciences	E-J. ('02~)	
100	Russian J. of General Chemistry	Printed J. ('93~'07) E-J. ('08~)	
102	JOM(= J. of Metals)	Printed J. ('83~'07) E-J. ('08~)	
103	J. of Organic Chemistry	Printed J. ('86~'05) E-J. ('06~)	
104	J. of Organometallic Chemistry	Printed J. ('93~'05) E-J. ('02~)	
106	Measurement Science and Technology	Printed J. ('93~'16) E-J. ('12~)	
	J. of Polymer Science ; Polymer Chemistry	Printed J. ('85~'07) E-J. ('08~)	
	J. of Polymer Science ; Polymer Physics	Printed J. ('80~'07) E-J. ('08~)	
108	European J. of Organic Chemistry	Printed J. ('93~'07) E-J. ('08~)	
110	Kunststoffe	Printed J. ('94~)	
112	Machine Design	Printed J. ('83~) E-J. ('26~)	
122	Modern Plastics International	Printed J. ('83~'11)	Discontinued
126	J. of Optical Society of America: Optics, Image Science & vision	Printed J. ('93~'05) E-J. ('06~)	
	J. of Optical Society of America: Optical Physics	Printed J. ('95~'05) E-J. ('06~)	
127	Optics and Spectroscopy	Printed J. ('98~'07) E-J. ('08~)	
131	Physical Review and Physical Review Letters Index; Physical Review. B, Condensed Matter and Materials Physics; Physical Review. C, Nuclear Physics; Physical Review. D, Particles	Printed J. ('93~'16) E-J. ('10~)	
132	Plastverarbeiter	Printed J. '94~	
134	Polymer Science Series A, Series B	Printed J. ('98~'07) E-J. ('08~)	
135	Power	Printed J. '83~	
139	Review of Scientific Instrument	Printed J. ('93~'16) E-J. ('10~)	
141	Rubber Chemistry and Technology	Printed J. ('97~)	
144	Automotive Engineering International	Printed J. '86~	
145	Scientific American	Printed J. ('93~)	
147	SMPTE Journal	Printed J. ('98~)	
148	Coloration Technology	Printed J. ('83~'16) E-J. ('10~)	
149	Solid State Electronics	Printed J. ('83~'05) E-J. ('02~)	
150	Solid State Technology	Printed J. ('94~)	Discontinued ('19~)
156	Stahl and Eisen	Printed J. ('97~)	
157	Steriods : Structure, Function and Regulation	Printed J. ('93~'05) E-J. ('02~)	

158	TAPPI Journal	Printed J. ('57, '82~'08) E-J. ('09~)	
159	Tetrahedron	Printed J. ('93~'05) E-J. ('02~)	
160	Tetrahedron Letters	Printed J. ('96~'05) E-J. ('02~)	
163	Textile Research J.	Printed J. ('80~'11) E-J. ('12~)	
164	VDI-Z Integrierte Produktion	Printed J. ('94~)	
165	Water Environment Research	Printed J. ('83, '94~'11) E-J. ('12~)	
168	Electronics World	Printed J. ('95~)	
171	REE. Revue de l'Electricite et de l'Electronique	Printed J. ('94~)	
177	J. of Crystal Growth	Printed J. ('83~'05) E-J. ('02~)	
178	Russian J. of Organic Chemistry	Printed J. ('93~'07) E-J. ('08~)	
180	Optics Communications	Printed J. ('92~'05) E-J. ('02~)	
181	RFE	Printed J. ('98~)	Discontinued ('21~)
183	Semiconductors	Printed J. ('93~'07) E-J. ('08~)	
185	Technical Physics Letters	Printed J. ('93~'07) E-J. ('08~)	
189	Xerox Disclosure J.	Printed J. ('76~'96)	Discontinued
195	Nature	Printed J. ('86~'07) E-J. ('08~)	
196	Proceedings of the National Academic of Science, U.S.A	Printed J. ('86~'11) E-J. ('12~)	
197	Gene	Printed J. ('86~'05) E-J. ('02~)	
198	Nucleic Acids Research	Printed J. ('93~'10) E-J. ('11~)	
199	Science	Printed J. ('86~'07) E-J. ('08~)	
202	Electronics Letters	Printed J. ('94~)	
204	Elektronik	Printed J. ('97~)	
205	IEEE Transactions on Device Letters	E-J. ('88~)	
206	Thin Solid Films	Printed J. ('93~'05) E-J. ('06~)	
208	IEEE Transactions on Nuclear Science	E-J. ('88~)	
209	J. of Biological Chemistry	Printed J. ('93~'11) E-J. ('12~)	
210	BBA Biochemica et Biophysica ACTA	Printed J. ('98~'05) E-J. ('02~)	
211	Biochemistry	Printed J. ('94~'05) E-J. ('06~)	
212	Cancer Research	Printed J. ('93~'11) E-J. ('12~)	
213	Methods in Enzymology	Printed J. ('01~)	

214	Biochemical & Biophysical Research Communications	Printed J. ('93~'05) E-J. ('02~)	
215	Clinical Chemistry	Printed J. ('93~) E-J. ('20~)	
216	J. of Immunology	Printed J. ('93~) E-J. ('25~)	
217	EMBO J.	Printed J. ('93~'07) E-J. ('08~)	
218	Cell	Printed J. ('96~)	
219	Popular Science	Printed J. ('84~)	Discontinued ('24~)
220	Popular Mechanics	Printed J. ('95~)	
223	Plant Physiology	Printed J. ('93~'11) E-J. ('12~)	
224	TR Transfer	Printed J. ('98~)	
225	MPA - Messen, Pruefen, Automatisieren	Printed J. ('96~'97)	Discontinued
226	VDI-Nachrichten	Printed J. ('98~)	
227	Konstruktion	Printed J. ('94~'99, '06~)	
228	Elektor	Printed J. ('98~)	
229	Derwent Biotechnology Abstracts	Printed J. ('95, '98~'05) E-J. ('06~)	
230	EDN	Printed J. ('97~'13)	Discontinued
231	Bell Labs Technical J.	Printed J. ('98~'07) E-J. ('08~)	Discontinued ('15~)
232	European J. of Inorganic Chemistry	Printed J. ('98~'07) , E-J. ('08~)	
233	Nature Biotechnology	Printed J. ('93~'07) E-J. ('08~)	
234	Research Disclosure	Printed J. ('71~)	
235	Acta Pharmaceutica	Printed J. '06~	
236	Economic Botany	Printed J. ('05~'07) E-J. ('08~)	
237	J. of Chinese Medicine	Printed J. ('05~)	
238	J. of Ethnopharmacology	E-J. ('02~)	
239	Pharmaceutical Biology	Printed J. ('05~'11) E-J. ('12~)	
240	Fitoterapia	E-J. ('02~)	
241	J. of Natural Products	Printed J. ('97~'02) E-J. ('06~)	
242	J. of Nutrition	Printed J. ('06~) E-J. ('19~)	
243	Phytochemistry	Printed J. ('97~'05) E-J. ('02~)	
244	Phytotherapy Research	Printed J. ('06~'07) E-J. ('08~)	
245	Planta Medica	Printed J. ('96~)	
246	Indian J. of Traditional Knowledge	Printed J. ('06~)	
247	Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Abstracts	Printed J. ('06~)	Discontinued ('25~)
248	Korean J. of Traditional Knowledge	E-J. ('09~)	

2.4 – QUALITY MANAGEMENT

Rules 36.1(iv) and 63.1(iv): That Office or organization must have in place a quality management system and internal review arrangements in accordance with the common rules of international search,

The QMS Report provides information from the Authority on the quality management system in place under Chapter 21 of the Guidelines and includes a report under paragraph 21.09 of the internal review arrangements that are further described in paragraphs 21.27 to 21.30 of the Guidelines.

Other information beyond the QMS Report (optional):

3 – SCOPE OF OPERATION

(a) Current scope of operation

The receiving Offices for which the Office or intergovernmental organization is competent as an International Searching Authority and an International Preliminary Examining Authority, language(s) in which services are offered and other details of scope of operation are listed in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* at the following links: <https://pctlegal.wipo.int/eGuide/view-doc.xhtml?doc-code=KR&doc-lang=en#ISA> and <https://pctlegal.wipo.int/eGuide/view-doc.xhtml?doc-code=KR&doc-lang=en#IPEA>.

(b) Planned changes to scope of operation as an Authority, such as the receiving Offices for which the Authority is competent and languages offered (if any):

MOIP continues its efforts to broaden its competence as an International Searching Authority and an International Preliminary Examining Authority for additional receiving Offices in cooperation with WIPO.

4 – OTHER

Any further information relevant to the extension of appointment as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority:

MOIP remains committed to enhancing cooperation with other International Authorities through data exchange and examiner training.