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Madam,
Sir,

This Circular is addressed to your Office in its capacity as a receiving Office (RO), International Searching Authority (ISA), Authority specified for supplementary search (SISA), International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) and/or designated or elected Office (DO/EO) under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT). It is also being sent to interested intergovernmental organizations as well as certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT System.

This Circular, following PCT Circular C.PCT 1423 concerning modifications of certain Forms relating to the ISA, SISA, IPEA and the International Bureau, concerns proposals for change to the Standard for the Filing and Processing in Electronic Form of International Applications (Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT) related to the PCT Demand (PCT/IPEA/401) Form.

DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES

Proposed changes to Annex F and its appendices are set out in the following Proposal for Change (PFC) file (available at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/efiling_standard/en/pfc_files.htm):

- PCT/EF/PFC 14/002 (Modification of the demand and related DTDs with the addition of elements and attributes for the next version of the PCT/IPEA/401 Form), proposal by the International Bureau.

The proposed changes to Annex F and its appendices are to address the requirements for rendering the revised version of PCT/IPEA/401 (January 1, 2015) by the IPEA.

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CONSULTATIONS

Consultations under PCT Rule 89.2 are being conducted in accordance with the procedure set out in Section 2.5 of Annex F of the PCT Administrative Instructions.

The International Bureau would appreciate receiving any comments on the proposals by October 26, 2014. Comments should preferably be made via e-mail to: pctcd@wipo.int. Comments received will be made available later as Annexes to the PFC file. Copies of the proposals on paper are available from the International Bureau upon request. Inquiries concerning the proposals should be directed to the International Bureau via e-mail at: pctcd@wipo.int.

FURTHER PROCESS

Once the Consultative Group established under Section 2.5 of Annex F of the PCT Administrative Instructions has made its recommendations, the International Bureau will promulgate any necessary changes to the PCT Administrative Instructions, together with information on entry into force of the changes.

Yours sincerely,



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