As a result of our most recent internal review under PCT/GL/ISPE paragraphs 21.10-21.15, this Authority has made modifications to its Quality Management System (QMS) as discussed below.

The modifications are given with reference to the sections of the revised template for responses to PCT/GL/ISPE Paragraph 21.17 to which the changes relate.

The QMS task group includes one quality expert and fourteen patent examiners with at least a Master Degree. The group has finished the in-depth analysis of the ISPE and RO guidelines, including a Portuguese translation and indexing of the latter. The “Portuguese IP Glossary” is being harmonized with Brazilian Portuguese, to include the technical terms widely used by Brazilians, which are, in many cases, too different from those used in Portugal. A Working Manual is also being prepared for in-house use.

As Brazil's activity as ISA started as of September 2009, there is not yet a meaningful statistical sample available to assess the quality of the output.

The IT systems are being modified to include a module to process PCT requests, containing all the forms required; moreover the INPI website is being updated with relevant PCT information concerning ISA/IPEA activities.

More patent examiners have been recently hired and are being trained.

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