



Worksharing

The Israel Patent Office (ILPO) has several international worksharing arrangements in the search and examination of patent applications. These arrangements include the following:

1. WIPO Centralized Access to Search and Examination (WIPO CASE):
The ILPO has joined the WIPO CASE system, since 2014, as an Accessing Office as well as a Depositing Office. As from January 2020, the ILPO has extended the data deposited in WIPO CASE to further include applicants' responses to Office Actions.
2. Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH):
The ILPO has signed PPH & PCT PPH arrangements with a number of Patent Offices. In addition, as from January 6, 2014 the ILPO is part of the Global PPH arrangement.
3. Implementation of the Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC) system:
An agreement was signed with the USPTO concerning the classification of IL national applications according to the CPC. According to the agreement, the ILPO classifies patent applications, which have been first filed in Israel since September 2016, according to the CPC (in addition to the IPC), and the USPTO classifies the IL applications having corresponding applications that are already classified according to the CPC.
4. WIPO Digital Access Service (DAS):
The ILPO has joined the WIPO DAS Service, since May 2019, as an Accessing Office and Depositing Office for priority documents of national and international applications.
5. Search and Examination of international applications filed in foreign Receiving Offices (ROs):
In its capacity as an International Searching and Preliminary Examination Authority (ISA/IPEA), the ILPO provides International Reports for PCT applications filed at RO/US (i.e., by US applicants) in addition to the applications filed by applicants from Israel.