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Madam,
Sir,

Modifications of the Administrative Instructions Under the PCT

*Standard for the Electronic Filing and Processing
of International Applications: Modifications of Appendix I of Annex F*

1. This Circular concerns modifications of Appendix I of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) to be promulgated with effect from January 1, 2004.
2. Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions containing, respectively, the legal framework and the technical standard for electronic filing and processing of international applications entered into force on January 7, 2002 (see *PCT Gazette* S-04/2001 dated December 27, 2001). Those provisions have since been modified on several occasions. The relevant texts are available, together with other parts of the Administrative Instructions, on WIPO's Website (see <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.htm>).
3. The present modifications are based on proposals for change to Appendix I of Annex F that were received or prepared by the International Bureau in 2003. Those proposals are available on WIPO's Website (see http://www.wipo.int/pct/efiling_standard/en/index.html). A number of changes have been made to the proposals taking into account comments received after consultation under Rule 89.2(b) of the Regulations under the PCT, in accordance with the change procedure provided for in section 2.5.5 of Annex F (expedited consideration of proposals for change), with the national and regional patent Offices of, or acting for, all PCT Contracting States, with PCT International Authorities and with interested intergovernmental organizations, as well as with certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system (see Circular C. PCT 959, dated November 5, 2003).

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4. Following that consultation, Appendix I of Annex F is modified as follows:

(i) a number of corrections to Document Type Definitions (DTDs) contained in sections 3.2, 3.3, 3.6, 5.1 and 5.2 that are consequential to the modifications of the PCT Regulations which enter into force on January 1, 2004;

(ii) a few other minor corrections to a number of DTDs.

5. The text of the modifications of Appendix I of Annex F thereto is set out in document PCT/AI/1 Rev.1 Add.10, which is available on WIPO's Website at <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.htm>. Paper copies of the document are available from the International Bureau upon request.

6. The modifications will be promulgated in *PCT Gazette* No. 51/2003 on December 18, 2003, with effect from January 1, 2004.

Sincerely yours,



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