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Madam,
Sir,

Following consultation with your Office in its capacity as receiving Office (RO) and also with certain non-governmental organizations, the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines (ROGLs) have been modified.

The modifications are as proposed by Circular C.PCT 1157, dated December 19, 2008, except where further changes have been made as a result of consultation, as indicated below (editorial and minor drafting changes, if any, are not specifically mentioned).

Modifications of the ROGLs following consultation

Paragraphs 148 and 325 of the ROGLs are modified as proposed by Circular C.PCT 1157 and as a result of consultation.

New paragraphs 205E and 205F, as proposed in Circular C.PCT 1157, are not modified herewith since the topics of these two paragraphs were the subject of a proposal which has been considered by the Meeting of International Authorities. In light of the positions expressed at this meeting, a further round of consultations on those two paragraphs appears to be necessary and will be the subject of a separate circular. It is recalled that these two paragraphs were proposed by the International Bureau in light of the decision of the PCT Working Group for the International Bureau to include in the ROGLs provisions dealing with both issues (correction of minor defects in pages submitted under Rule 20.6 and the procedure where the applicant wishes to replace an “incorrect” element or part by the “correct” one) (see paragraphs 122 to 124 and 127 of document PCT/WG/1/16).

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Furthermore, minor changes to paragraphs 165B, 246A and 264 are also modified herewith, to reflect the changed numbering of the items in the Schedule of Fees, even though those paragraphs were not part of the consultation.

All other paragraphs are modified as proposed by Circular C.PCT 1157.

The modified ROGLs apply with effect from January 1, 2009.

Availability of modified ROGLs

The consolidated text of the ROGLs (PCT/GL/RO/7) is available from the PATENTSCOPE® website PCT Resources page under “PCT Receiving Office Guidelines (as in force from January 1, 2009)” at www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/gdlines.htm.

Offices which need marked-up copies and/or electronic files of the modified paragraphs of the ROGLs should contact the PCT Legal Division at: pct.legal@wipo.int.

Yours sincerely,



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