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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), 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 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 fee calculation sheet and PCT fee calculation sheet chapter II.

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 18/001 (Modification of the DTDs for the PCT fee calculation sheet and the PCT fee calculation sheet chapter II)

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 has updated the facilities available to the consultative group and has, in addition to the normal process, made this PFC available in the WIPO Wiki (available at: <https://www3.wipo.int/confluence/display/PCTAFCG>) to enable the prompt sharing of

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comments in a public forum. Existing members of the consultative group have been granted access rights to post comments directly on to the WIPO Wiki page; furthermore, comments submitted using the existing e-mail process, that is, submitted by e-mail sent to the address set out below, will be added to the WIPO Wiki page by the International Bureau.

If the Offices and Authorities are in agreement in principle with this proposed change, the International Bureau would propose to undertake a consultation on a parallel modification to the fee calculation sheet of Form RO/101.

The International Bureau would appreciate receiving any comments on the proposals by December 28, 2018. Comments should preferably be made by posting them directly onto the WIPO Wiki page or by e-mail to: pctbdd@wipo.int. All comments received will be made available on the WIPO Wiki and later as Annexes to the PFC file. Copies of the proposals on paper are available from the International Bureau upon request. Enquiries concerning the proposals should be directed to the International Bureau by e-mail at: pctbdd@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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