

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

Common Quality Framework for
International Search and Preliminary Examination

Supplemental Report Under Paragraph 21.18 of the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines

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No documents referred to in this report

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 Authority should describe any changes made to its QMS making reference to the specific sections of the earlier report using template T21-17, and / or making reference to any supplemental report(s) established in the meantime using template T21-18.

If no changes have been made to its QMS since the last report, the Authority should indicate such.

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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