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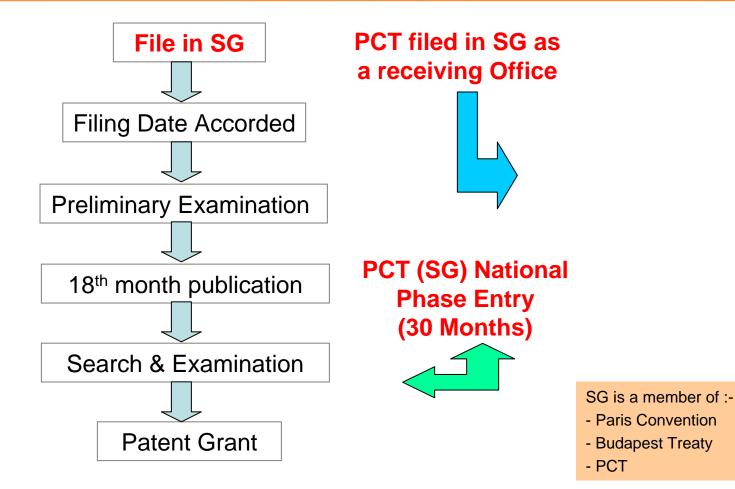


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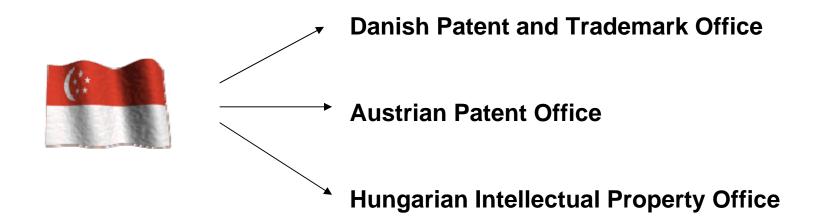
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- Only applications meeting patentability requirements will be allowed to proceed to grant
- New
  - Supplementary Examination
  - Examination Review



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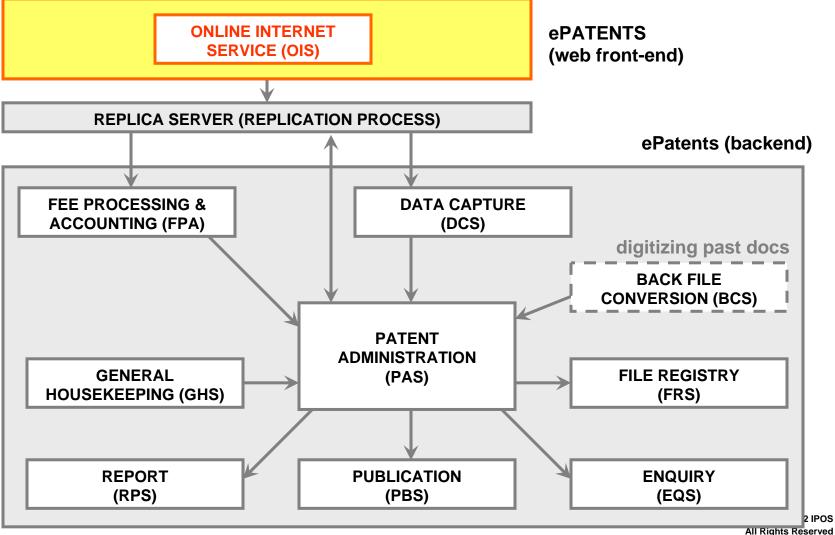


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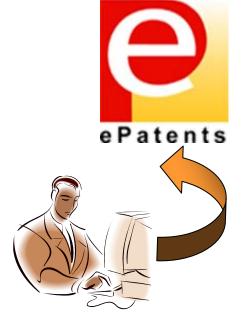


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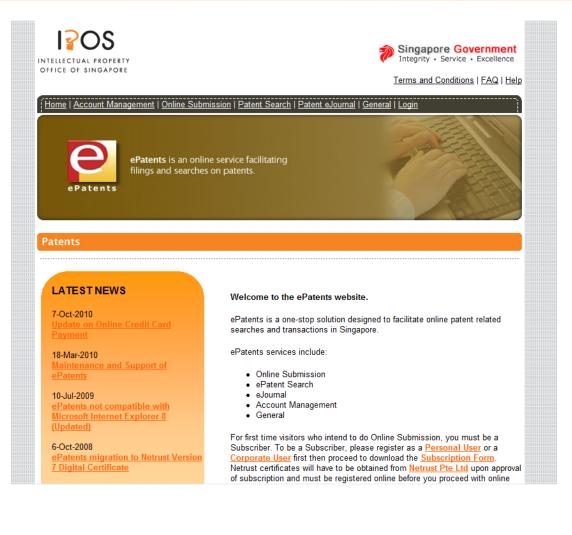
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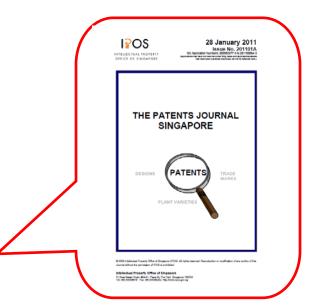
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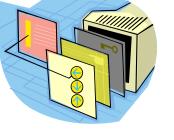
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