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Madam,
Sir,

Promulgation of modifications of the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines (“the RO Guidelines”)

Following consultation with your Office in its capacity as a receiving Office (RO), an International Searching Authority (ISA), an International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), an Authority specified for supplementary search, and/or a designated or elected Office under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), and also with certain non-governmental organizations representing the users of the PCT system, modifications to the RO Guidelines are hereby promulgated with effect from July 1, 2024. These modifications relate to the procedure for handling international applications containing parts in different languages.

The modifications are as proposed in Circular C. PCT 1671, dated May 27, 2024, except where further changes have been made as a result of the consultations, as indicated below (editorial and minor drafting changes are not specifically mentioned).

Modifications to the RO Guidelines

Paragraph 65B is updated to include certain examples as to situations in which translation of the description and claims into a single language may not be appropriate.

Paragraph 65D(ii) is modified to match the wording in Rule 26.3*ter*(e)(ii).

Paragraph 65F is modified to clarify that this paragraph pertains to the translation under Rule 26.3*ter*(e) referred to under 65D.

Paragraphs 69 and 69A are updated to include “and” at the beginning of (ii) in light of the changes to the form and to maintain coherence among the paragraphs.

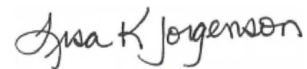
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Availability of the Modified RO Guidelines

The consolidated version of the RO Guidelines as modified is available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/gdlines.html>, under the corresponding title.

Offices which need marked-up copies and/or electronic files of the RO Guidelines should contact the PCT Legal and User Relations Division at: pct.legal@wipo.int.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa K. Jorgenson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L' and 'J'.

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