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Standing Committee on the Law of Patents¹

Brazil

Updated Information on International Worksharing and Collaborative Activities for Search and Examination of Patent Applications

On January 1, 2021, INPI launched Phase II of the PPH Program, governed by Ordinance No. 404, of December 21, 2020, published in the Industrial Property Magazine (RPI) No. 2608. The main differences from Phase I are as follows:

Phase I	Phase II
Up to 400 total requests per year	Up to 600 total requests per year
Up to 100 requests per IPC Section per year	Up to 150 requests per IPC Section per year
1 request per applicant per month	1 request per applicant per week
OFF = OEE (Patent Family has started at the Office of Earlier Examination)	OFF = Any Partner Office (Patent Family has started at any Partner Office)
Fee refund in standard cases only	Fee refund in standard cases and for requirements that exceed the stipulated limits
Appeal (based on specific grounds)	No appeal is admitted in the event of refusing entry

Note: OFF designates "Office of First File"; OEE means "Office of Earlier Examination"

¹ The answers to this Note have been provided on behalf of Brazil by Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI).



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To date, 131 requests have been submitted in the Phase II PPH Program (Figure 1). Most of PPH requests (almost 67%) are related to patent applications of the following technological fields: Digital Communications (14), Computer Technology (9), Transport (9), Civil Engineering (8), Chemical Engineering (7), Machines and Electrical Equipment (7), Medical Technology (7), Special Machines (6), Audiovisual Technology (6), Biotechnology (5), Information Technology (5) and Organic Chemistry (5).

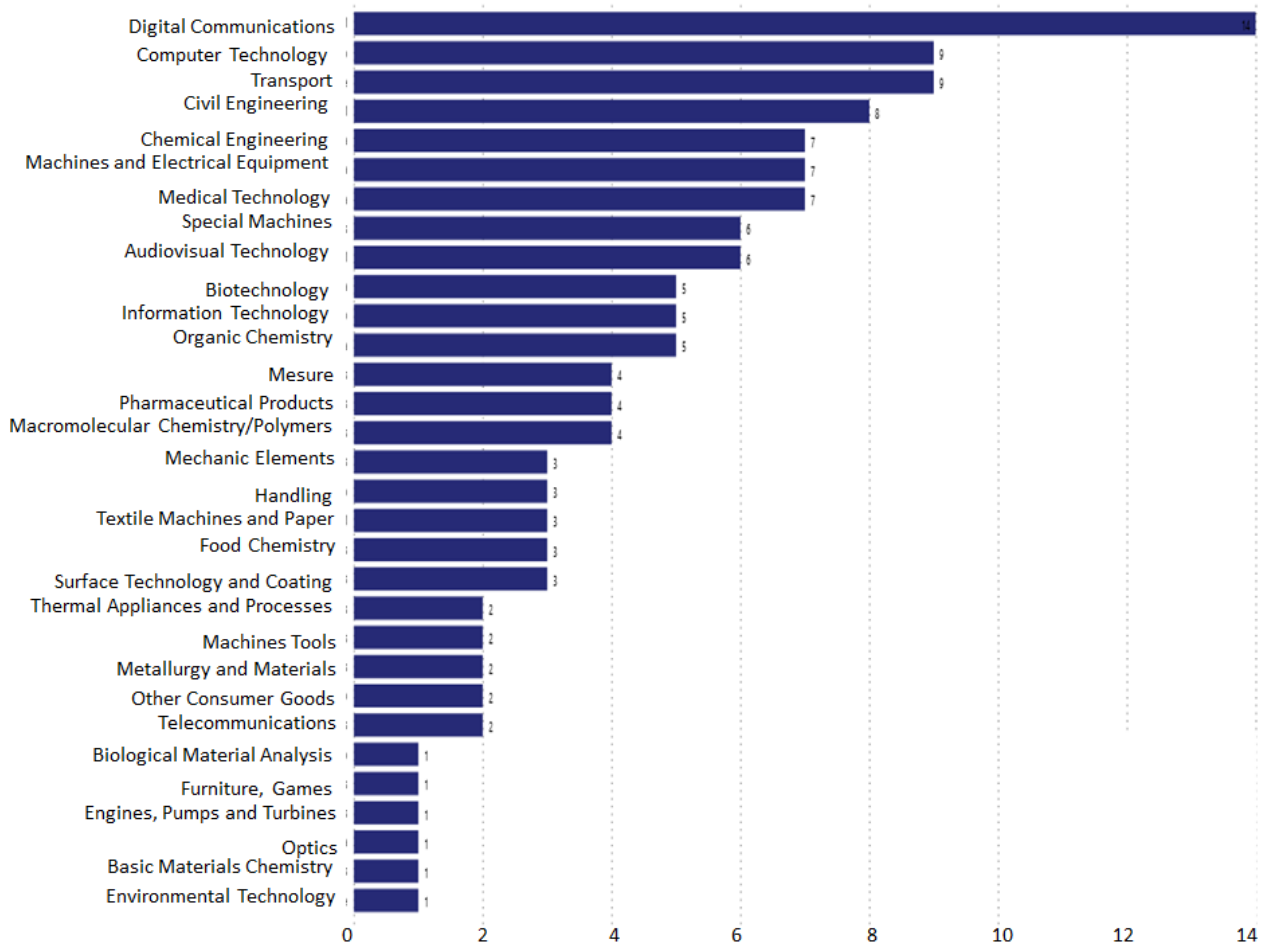


Figure 1 – Number of Phase II PPH requests per technological area.



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Currently, INPI PPH Partner Offices are:

APO (Austria), CNIPA (China), KIPO (Republic of South Korea), DKPTO (Denmark), EPO (Europe - Regional), IPOS (Singapore), JPO (Japan), PRV (Sweden), USPTO (USA), and UKIPO (United Kingdom).

More details on the Phase II PPH Program can be found at:

<https://www.gov.br/inpi/pt-br/servicos/patentes/pph>