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SUBJECT: Circular C. 9043 - INPI PT response

Dear Daren Tang,

In reference to the above-mentioned Circular dated January 28, 2021, I have the pleasure to send you herewith the comments of the Portuguese Institute of Industrial Property (INPI PT):

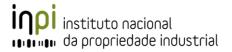
(i) certain aspects of the applicable national or regional patent law, available at: http://www.wipo.int/scp/en/annex_ii.html

WIPO's website is up to date.

(ii) national and regional laws on opposition systems and other administrative revocation and invalidation mechanisms, available at:

http://www.wipo.int/scp/en/revocation_mechanisms/

Regarding national and regional laws on opposition systems and other administrative revocation and invalidation mechanisms, as INPI PT reported in the circular C. 8940, with the revision of the Portuguese legislation (Industrial Property Code), which is in force since 1st July 2019, INPI PT may declare, *ex officio*, null a supplementary protection certificate if the basic patent has expired before the end of its term or if the basic patent has been revoked.



(iii) international worksharing and collaborative activities for search and examination of patent applications, available at: http://www.wipo.int/patents/en/topics/worksharing/

INPI PT has already answered to circular C. 8940 where information was given on international worksharing and collaborative activities for search and examination of patent applications. Therefore, at the moment, there are no additional comments to be sent to the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(iv) compilation of laws and practices regarding the scope of client attorney privilege and its applicability to patent advisors, available at:

https://www.wipo.int/scp/en/confidentiality_advisors_clients/national_laws_practices.html

The information related with "laws and practices regarding the scope of client attorney

privilege and its applicability to patent advisors" available at the WIPO's website is updated.

Yours sincerely,

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