

Dear SCP Secretariat,

In addition to our previous email, we are pleased to provide you the following information regarding:

**(i) certain aspects of the applicable national or regional patent law, related to prior art, novelty, inventive step (non-obviousness), grace period, sufficiency of disclosure, exclusions from patentable subject matter and/or exceptions and limitations of the rights;**

*WIPO's website is up to date.*

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

*As INPI PT reported in circular C. 9043 and C.9141, with the revision of the Portuguese legislation (Industrial Property Code), which is in force since 1 July 2019, INPI PT may declare null, ex officio, a supplementary protection certificate (SPC) if the basic patent has expired before the end of its term or if the basic patent has been revoked. The remaining information available at the WIPO's website remains updated.*

**(iii) international worksharing and collaborative activities for search and examination of patent applications**

*Since 2021, INPI PT has a collaborative project with the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (SPTO) in SPC examination, which enables the exchange of best SPC examination practices between examiners of the two offices and the exchange of ideas on future SPC examinations.*

*In 2019, INPI PT signed a Bilateral Cooperation Agreement with the China National Intellectual Property Administration, and in 2022, signed two Bilateral Cooperation Agreements: one with INPI Brazil and the other with SPTO. All these Agreements provide the exchange of patent examiners to share best practices and to update and increase the exchange relations through reciprocal assistance mechanisms.*

*Furthermore, INPI PT continues to collaborate, upon request of the Institute of Quality Management and Intellectual Property of Cabo Verde (IGQPI), in the analysis of its patent applications, under the Memorandum of Understanding signed with this Institute.*

*In addition, INPI PT has PPH bilateral agreements established with China, Mexico, and Brazil and is part of the global PPH agreement network.*

**(iv) compilation of laws and practices regarding the scope of client attorney privilege and its applicability to patent advisors**

*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 remains updated.*

Best regards,

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