

## **Workshop on Examination in the PCT National Phase (Work-Sharing)**

*The exercises include case studies of selected PCT national phase entries which are listed in a separately distributed excel table 'Table of Sample Cases' (as soft copy). You are requested to research these cases based on the instructions given below and fill the columns E to P of the table (using an electronic copy of the table). At the end of the workshop you will be given a completed table with solutions.*

*The top record of the table (1<sup>st</sup> case) gives an example of how the researched information should be recorded in the table.*

### **Part 3 (Topic 5B: comparing citations from different national phases)**

For each of the following cases:

#6(plant cultivation); #19(compound); #20(IAP inhibitors); #21(block flow); #22(dispensing device); #24(surface treatment); #28(energy generator); #37(disposable diaper I); #41(surface reacted carbonate); #43(drain trap); #46 (portion capsule); #49(Newcastle viruses); #52(RORC2 inhibitors); #53(composite barrier)

- check if the ISR includes only A citations, and record that in column M; indicate as well the country code of the ISA;

- check if the ISR includes observations (Box III) on the unity of patent (column N of the table);

- check if additional citations were used in the different national phases (column O of the table); whenever you find a national phase where an examiner did a supplementary search, please enter the country code of that national phase and record one sample citation from that examiner which is not in the ISR, in particular:

- check if there is a published supplementary EP search report (please enter 'EP-A4' in the table if that is the case),

- use the CCD for finding citations not included in the ISR.