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# The UK-Brazil Patent Prosecution Highway

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# The UK – Brazil relationship

- Dedicated UK IP Attaché in Brazil since 2012
  - Bilateral work guided by Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between IP Offices
  - Potential Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) agreement raised during bilateral meeting at WIPO General Assemblies 2017
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# Developing the PPH Agreement

- Joint Statement signed by Heads of Office in January 2018
- Subsequent discussions carried out via email
- Memorandum of Understanding signed at UK-Brazil JETCO in March 2018



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- Technical Guidelines for PPH agreement agreed by June 2018, and exchanged by post in July 2018
- Agreement tailored to specific needs and requirements of each office
- PPH Agreement officially launched on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018
- Guidance for applicants published by each office

e.g. [www.gov.uk/government/publications/patent-prosecution-highway](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/patent-prosecution-highway)

# Benefits of the PPH Agreement

- Quicker, easier, more efficient examination
- Applicants gain accelerated processing
- Higher quality patents
- Easy to set up agreements
- Good opportunity to work with other offices

