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Re: Extension of the Non-Patent Literature Part of the PCT Minimum
Documentation to include Traditional Knowledge Related Periodicals

Madam,
Sir,

This circular is addressed to your Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority (ISA) and Preliminary Examination Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and its membership of the Meeting of the International Authorities under the PCT (PCT/MIA).

By way of Circular C.PCT 987 the International Bureau gave notice of its intention to add five periodicals to the non-patent literature (NPL) part of the PCT minimum documentation unless objections were raised by the ISAs. The periodicals proposed were:

- *Journal of Ethnopharmacology;*
- *Journal of Chinese Medicine;*
- *Economic Botany, Journal of the Society of Economic Botany;*
- *Pharmaceutical Biology;*
- *Acta Pharmaceutica.*

As at June 30, 2004, no objections had been received by the International Bureau. It is therefore proposed that the five periodicals listed above should be considered part of the NPL list with effect from July 1, 2004, and as such consulted by ISAs from this date in the course of their Search and Examination work.

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A consolidated NPL list incorporating not only these additions but updated also to reflect changes in Journal naming, status, publisher information details etc., is currently under preparation by the International Bureau and will be published on the WIPO website when completed and included in a circular notification to all PCT Member States. The updated list will also be included in an information document for discussion at the next meeting of the PCT/MIA to be held from September 11 to 13, 2004.

Additional information in respect of the five periodicals listed above and directions in respect of electronic access to them can be found on the PCT Minimum Documentation website at
url: http://www.wipo.int/pct/mia/en/min_doc/tk/new_r34.htm.

Yours sincerely,



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