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Madam,
Sir,

This Circular is addressed to your Office in its capacity as receiving Office (RO) and International Searching Authority (ISA) under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and concerns minor corrections in certain PCT Forms which were modified to implement the amendments to the Regulations which will enter into force on April 1, 2007.

In PCT Circular C.PCT 1102, dated February 7, 2007, which promulgated the modified PCT Forms for use by applicants and International Authorities with effect from April 1, 2007, Forms PCT/RO/107 and PCT/ISA/210 were promulgated, as modified. It has come to the attention of the International Bureau that further minor corrections in Article and Rule references should be made to these two forms. The correction of Form PCT/RO/107 concerns item 3. of that Form where the cited Article should read "Article 14(2)" and not "Article 14(3)". The modification to Form PCT/ISA/210 concerns item 5. on the first page of that Form where the cited Rule should read "Rule 38.2" and not "Rule 38.2(b)".

In addition, it has come to the attention of the International Bureau that Forms PCT/RO/106 and PCT/IB/313 which were not part of the promulgation should have been modified as follows: the modifications to Forms PCT/RO/106 and PCT/IB/313 concern the fact that for text matter other than that in the request, pursuant to amended Rule 11.9(d), the minimum size of the characters of capital letters has been amended from 0.21 cm to 0.28 cm. Item q. of Annexes B1 and B2 of both Forms should therefore be corrected to include "0.28 cm". Moreover, since pursuant to amended Rule 26.2, the time limit for applicants to correct formal defects noted by the receiving Office is now two months, modified Form PCT/RO/106 should refer to that time limit, in the box "Reply due". Furthermore, the notice on Form PCT/RO/106 under the heading

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“How to correct the defects?” has been modified to reflect the amendments to Rule 26.4 which now requires that the applicant must submit a replacement sheet in order to correct a defect of any element of the international application other than the request.

Availability of modified PCT Forms

Forms PCT/RO/106, PCT/RO/107, PCT/ISA/210 and PCT/IB/313, modified as indicated above, are available in PDF format from the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/. Offices which require blank originals, marked-up copies and/or electronic files of these Forms should contact the PCT Legal Division at: pct.legal@wipo.int.

These modified Forms should be used as of April 1, 2007, or as soon as possible thereafter, but only in respect of international applications filed on or after April 1, 2007.

Offices which use languages other than English and French are requested to establish the modified versions of the Forms in such other languages as required with due regard to the provisions of Section 102 of the Administrative Instructions.

Yours sincerely,



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