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PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY: MODIFICATIONS

with effect from January 1, 1999

1. This document contains the text of modifications, with effect from January 1, 1999, of the Administrative Instructions Under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) as in force from July 1, 1998 (see document PCT/AI/1, dated June 17, 1998), promulgated after consultation with the interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to Rule 89.2(a) of the Regulations under the PCT. The modifications involve the inclusion of new Sections 102*bis* and 335, pursuant to Rule 89*ter* (Copies in Electronic Form of Documents Filed on Paper) and item 4 of the Schedule of Fees.
2. The text of the modifications will be published in *PCT Gazette* No. 51/1998 on December 23, 1998.
3. Noting that the modifications will enter into force on January 1, 1999, it follows that Rule 89*ter* will also enter into force on that date.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE
ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

Section 102bis [New]

**Filing of Request in PCT-EASY Format Together with
PCT-EASY Diskette Containing Request Data and Abstract**

(a) Pursuant to Rule 89*ter*, any receiving Office may, if it is prepared to do so, accept the filing with it of an international application containing the request presented as a computer print-out prepared using the PCT-EASY software made available by the International Bureau (“request in PCT-EASY format”) together with a computer diskette, prepared using that software, containing a copy in electronic form of the data contained in the request and of the abstract (“PCT-EASY diskette”).

(b) Any receiving Office which, under paragraph (a), accepts the filing of requests in PCT-EASY format together with PCT-EASY diskettes shall notify the International Bureau accordingly. The International Bureau shall promptly publish any such information in the Gazette.

(c) Item 4 of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the Regulations shall apply to reduce the fees payable in respect of an international application containing the request in PCT-EASY format filed, together with a PCT-EASY diskette, with a receiving Office which, under paragraph (a), accepts the filing of such international applications.

Section 335 [New]

Transmittal of PCT-EASY Diskette Containing Request Data and Abstract

Any PCT-EASY diskette furnished to the receiving Office in accordance with Section 102bis shall be transmitted by that Office to the International Bureau at the same time as the record copy.

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