

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

Common Quality Framework for
International Search and Preliminary Examination

Supplemental Report Under Paragraph 21.18 of the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines

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Documents referred to in this report:

[list any documents which appended to the report for information or publicly available documents which are referred to]

As a result of our most recent internal review under PCT/GL/ISPE paragraphs 21.10-21.15, this Authority has made modifications to its Quality Management System (QMS) as discussed below.

The modifications are given with reference to the sections of the revised template for responses to PCT/GL/ISPE Paragraph 21.17 to which the changes relate.

The Authority should describe any changes made to its QMS making reference to the specific sections of the earlier report using template T21-17, and / or making reference to any supplemental report(s) established in the meantime using template T21-18.

If no changes have been made to its QMS since the last report, the Authority should indicate such.

INTRODUCTION (PARAGRAPHS 21.01–21.02)

The Authority should provide general background information relevant to the quality management system (QMS). The following may be included, if applicable:

- *Recognised normative reference or basis for quality management system besides Chapter 21, e.g. ISO 9000.*

The National Board of Patents and Registrations of Finland (PRH) has established a quality management system which complies with the requirements of ISO 9001:2000. The PRH QMS certificate has extended to cover national patent application processes. The certificate No. 4725-02 granted by Inspecta Certification on 19th November 2007 covers:

Processing of national patent applications: novelty search, patentability examination and granting of patents;

Processing of international applications under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT): acting as a Receiving Office (RO), an International Searching Authority (ISA) and an International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA).

No other changes to PRH QMS

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