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**PHILIPPINES**

**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 03**

**TO : All Concerned**

**SUBJECT : PCT Applications Entering into the National Phase**

**DATE : 25 August 2011**

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To streamline the procedure on the determination of the date of national phase entry of a request for national phase entry of a PCT international application ("Request"), the following guidelines are hereby issued:

1. Where a Request is hand-delivered, the date of receipt of said Request shall be the date of national phase entry.
2. Where a Request is mailed, the date of receipt stamped in the envelope by the post office where it was mailed shall be deemed as the date of national phase entry.
3. Where a Request is mailed and the date of mailing is not clearly stamped, the applicant shall be required to submit or provide the Office with the original copy of the registry receipt with a clear stamp of the date of mailing by the post office where it was mailed. Following compliance with this requirement, the date of mailing as seen in the registry receipt shall be deemed as the date of national phase entry.
4. Where a Request is mailed and the date of mailing cannot be clearly identified and proven by the applicant, the date of receipt stamped in the envelope by the second or third forwarding post office shall be deemed as the date of national phase entry.
5. Where a Request is mailed and the date of mailing cannot be clearly identified and proven by the applicant, nor the date of receipt stamped in the envelope by the second or third forwarding post office, said Request will be considered as hand-delivered and the date of receipt of said Request shall be the date of national phase entry.

For your information and guidance.

  
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Noted:

  
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