



MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. PCT- 2013-05

TO : All Concerned

SUBJECT : Revised Request for National Phase Entry Form and New Divisional Application of a National Phase Entry Application Form

DATE : 18 February 2013

Please be informed that the Request for National Phase Entry Form has been revised and a new Divisional Application of a National Phase Entry Application Form has been created, with effect from the date of this Circular.

The changes to the form include:

- Change of the name of the form from Request for National Phase Entry Form to National Phase Entry Application Form
- Check boxes to identify the application as being an Invention or a Utility Model
- Additional boxes for the date of national phase entry and date of mailing (in view of Memorandum Circular No. 03, Series of 2011, PCT Applications Entering into the National Phase)
- For the purpose of utility model applications:
 - Addition of "Utility Model" in Box VII. Title of Invention
 - Addition of "Maker(s)" in Box X. Inventor(s)
- Check boxes to determine whether the inventors are the same as those listed on the front page of the international publication or not. If they are the same, there will be no need to type the names of the inventors, thus, preventing any encoding mistakes.
- Deletion of the PCT Request in the Checklist Box. This shall avoid confusion in the counting of the number of sheets. The PCT Request is not included in the counting of the number of sheets of the application.
- Addition of "Sequence Listing" in the Checklist Box
- Additional box for the total no. of claims of the present application for easy computation of fees for excess claims

The Divisional Application of a National Phase Entry Application Form is intended for use in filing divisional applications of national phase entry applications. As of the moment, a divisional application of a national phase entry application being filed also use the Request for National Phase Entry Form (Form IPSP/501) as other PCT applications. A divisional application of a national phase entry application, in essence, has already entered the national phase through its parent application; hence, the Request for National Phase Entry Form is not the appropriate form to use. For this reason, the new form was created.

Further, each form comes with the Guide, which has been written to assist applicants/agents in filling up the forms.

Printed forms are available at the IPOPHL Information desk and the electronic copies are available at the IPOPHL's website.



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