



MEMORANDUM-CIRCULAR NO. 14-003

TO : TO ALL CONCERNED

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SUBJECT : IMPLEMENTATION OF MEMORANDUM-CIRCULAR NO. 14-002: Re: Payment of Annuity Fees for Direct Route & PCT National Phase Divisional Applications

DATE : 16 MAY 2014

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This is a Supplementary Memorandum Circular on the implementation of Memorandum Circular No. 14-002 which became effective last March 03, 2014.

In order to realign the current annuity payment practice for all Direct Route and PCT National Phase divisional applications with the intention and purpose of Memorandum Circular No. 14-002, a transition period of one (1) year from March 03, 2014 shall be provided. This transition period aims to provide stakeholders enough time to make adjustments and facilitate payment of annuity fees for Direct Route and PCT National Phase divisional applications, the payment dates of which, were based "after the four (4) year publication period" counted from their filing dates.

Hence, the full implementation of Memorandum Circular No. 14-002 shall commence on **March 03, 2015**. Upon commencement, all first annual fee payment for divisional applications shall now be due and payable upon the expiration of four (4) years from the date the *parent application* was published, and on each subsequent anniversary of such date. Furthermore, if the divisional application was filed more than four (4) years from the publication date of the *parent application*, the annuity payment of the divisional application shall commence on the following year from the last annuity payment date of the *parent application* and on each subsequent anniversary of such date. In this case, the *parent application* shall only pay the remaining claims covering the subject matter of the *parent application* in the subsequent annuity payments thereof.

For your guidance and information.

This memorandum shall take effect immediately.

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