Addition of World Intellectual Property Office as Participating Foreign Intellectual Property Office in Electronic Exchange of Priority Documents


Effective as of April 20, 2009, the World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO) has become the fourth foreign intellectual property office to participate in the PDX system. See 37 CFR 1.14(h) and 1.55(d). The USPTO now has the ability to begin electronically retrieving priority documents from the WIPO through the Digital Access Service (DAS) for Priority Documents. Similarly, the WIPO also has the ability to electronically retrieve U.S. priority documents from the USPTO through the DAS. Offices participating in the DAS may deposit priority documents as an office of first filing and/or may access priority documents as an office of second filing. The WIPO will maintain a list of offices on the WIPO Web site at http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/pdocforum/participating.html.

Additional information regarding the DAS can be found on the WIPO Web site at http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/pdocforum/index.html.

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