

Patent Public Advisory Committee Meeting

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) Update



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Overview of Upcoming Revisions

- I. Update for America Invents Act (AIA) - winter-2013/2014
- II. Update for Patent Law Treaty (PLT) – spring 2014
- III. Update for Hague Treaty – after rulemaking concludes



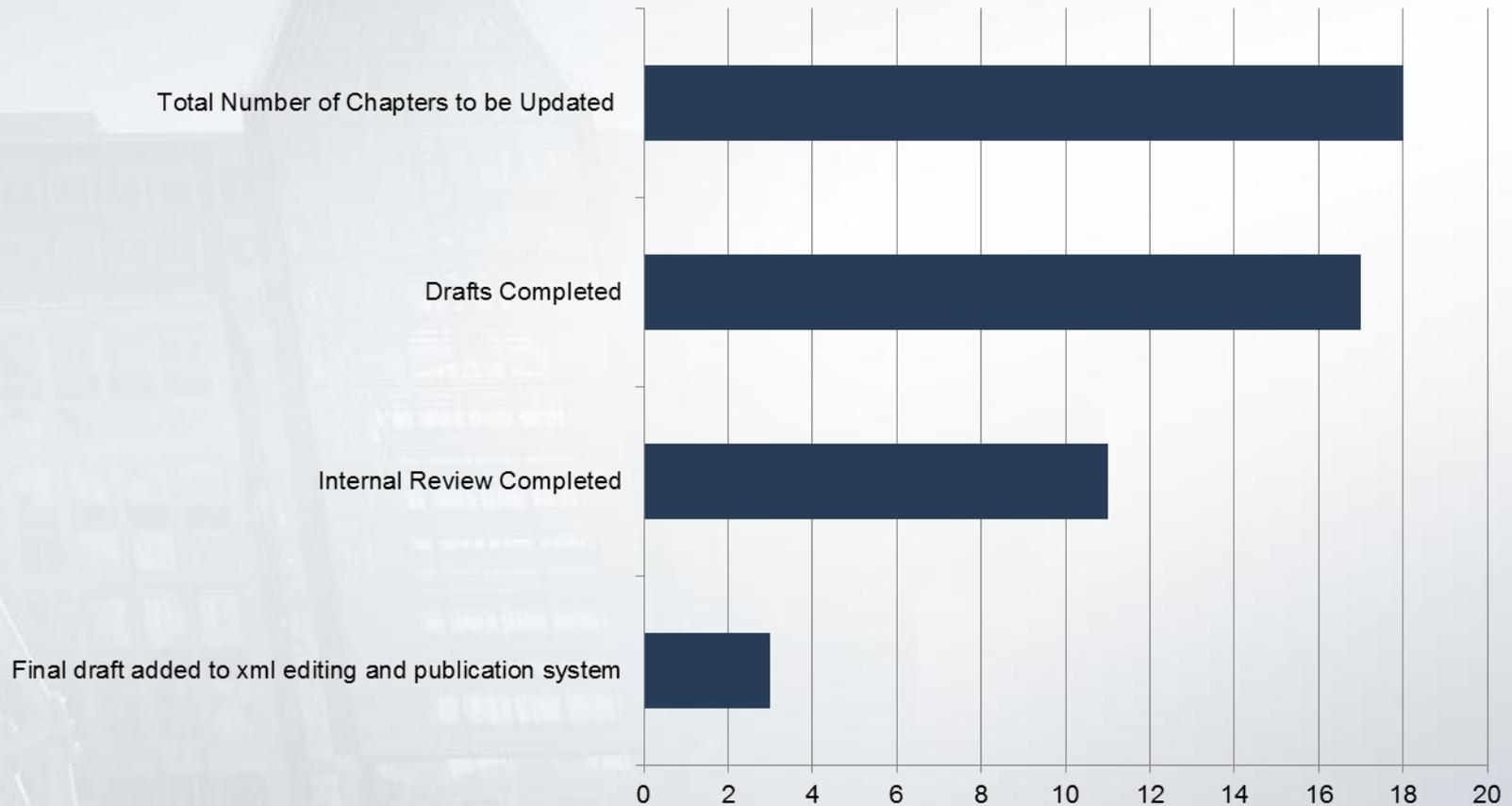
AIA Update

- 17 Chapters of the MPEP will be revised following AIA and to make other updates following revisions in examination guidance.
 - Chapters 100-700, 1100, 1200, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1800, 2100, 2200, 2600, and 2700.
- New Chapter 2800 is planned to be added to provide guidance on supplemental examination.



Status of Revisions as of 10/23/2013

11-01-13 AIA MPEP Update by Number of Chapters





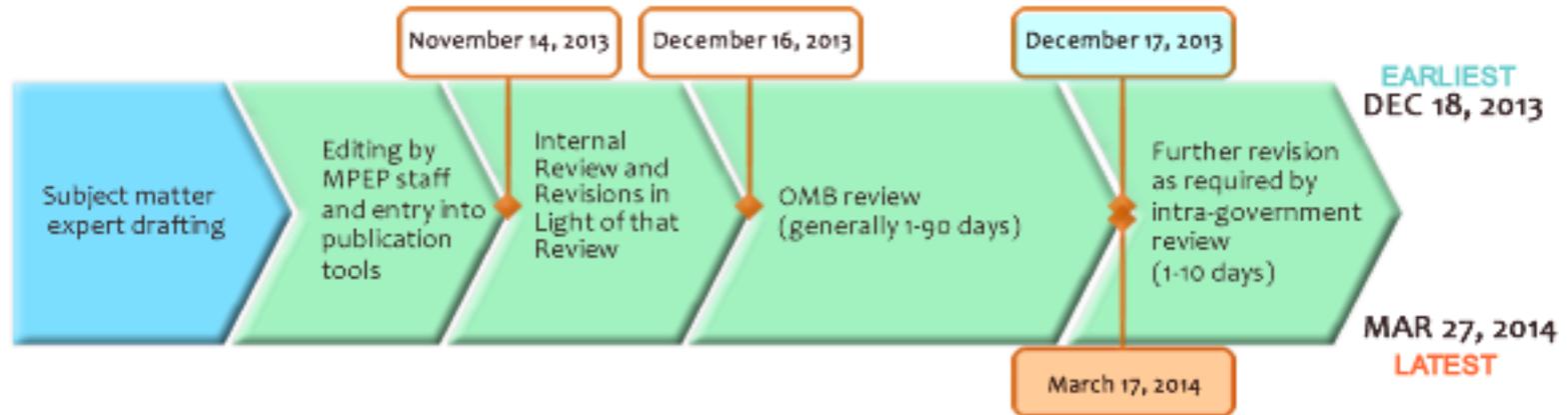
Update process

- MPEP staff and USPTO subject matter experts prepare draft updates to the MPEP by section
- MPEP staff circulate the draft updates for internal review and then makes revisions necessary to complete internal clearance Process.
- After internal clearance, OMB review is sought
- After the revisions required by OMB are made, the clearance process is complete and publication is initiated.



Update Process - Graphic

MPEP Anticipated Publication Process for the AIA Update





Publication Process Changes

For more frequent and timely updates, the following changes are being adopted in the publication process:

1. The entire MPEP will be electronically published with each update.
2. Each revised section will bear the revision date.
3. Text will be provided in clean text, with no revision marks.
4. A plain language summary of the changes will be provided.
5. A CBT to step through the changes and additions is anticipated.
6. All revised chapters planned to be posted in the MPEP community on IdeaScale™ to obtain public feedback and suggestions.



Questions and Comments?

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