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Subject: Establishes the criteria of reception of the PPH Pilot Project requests.

THE DIRECTORATE OF PATENTS, COMPUTER PROGRAMS AND TOPOGRAPHIES OF INTEGRATED CIRCUITS of the **NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OF BRAZIL**, in the use of the attributions provided for in Article 93 of Ordinance MDIC No. 11 of January 27, 2017,

CONSIDERING the provisions of art. 5, paragraph 3, and of art. 7, item IV, of INPI/PR Resolution No. 252, of October 18, 2019, published in RPI No. 2546, of October 22, 2019,

DECIDES:

Article 1. This Ordinance establishes the criteria for the reception of Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Project requests.

Article 2. Up to 100 (one hundred) requests may be accepted to participate in the PPH Pilot Project for patent applications classified in the same Section of the International Patent Classification (IPC), per annual cycle.

§ 1º The annual cycle referred to in the *caput* of the article begins on the first day and ends on the last day of the year, and no extension is allowed.

§ 2º All requests received, regardless of the office of earlier examination (OEE), are accounted for the purposes therein.

§3º The main classification of the patent application filed in Brazil, or in the case of an international application, being processed at the national stage in Brazil, shall be considered.

Art. 3º If the limit indicated in article 2 is achieved, the reception of PPH requests will be suspended for patent applications which main IPC classification belongs to the same Section, until the end of the annual cycle.

Art. 4º The Responsible Unit shall disclose, at least on a monthly basis, the sum of number of PPH requests filed in the current year for patent applications of the same IPC Section on the Patent Prosecution Highway Pilot Project website.

Art. 5º This Ordinance shall enter into force on December 1, 2019.

Rio de Janeiro, 25 of October, 2019.

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