

**National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile Transitioning to the
Global Patent Prosecution Highway Pilot Program**

On November 1, 2018, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) commenced a Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program that enabled an applicant whose claims have been determined allowable/patentable in an application filed with the National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile (INAPI) to have the corresponding application filed with the USPTO advanced out of turn for examination. See *Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Program Between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile*, 1455 *Off. Gaz. Pat. Office* 351 (October 30, 2018).

On January 6, 2014, the USPTO began participating in the Global PPH pilot program, which consolidated and replaced numerous earlier PPH programs, thereby streamlining and simplifying the PPH process for both applicants and Global PPH participating offices. See *Implementation of the Global and IP5 Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Programs with Participating Offices*, 1400 *Off. Gaz. Pat. Office* 172 (March 18, 2014).

The INAPI has informed the USPTO that, effective July 6, 2020, the INAPI will participate in the Global PPH pilot program. On that date, the Global PPH pilot program will supersede the bilateral PPH pilot program between the USPTO and the INAPI.

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