

**Continuation of the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Program
Between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and
the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property**

On July 1, 2015, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) simplified the requirements and procedures for Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program participation with the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property (IMPI). *See* Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Program between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property, 1416 OFF. GAZ. PAT. OFFICE 200 (July 21, 2015). This simplified PPH pilot program was originally scheduled to end on June 30, 2018. *See* Continuation of the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Program between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property, 1428 OFF. GAZ. PAT. OFFICE 261 (July 26, 2016).

Pursuant to continued commitments made in 2013 to enhance intellectual property cooperation between both offices, the USPTO and IMPI remain committed to the PPH pilot program. Accordingly, the pilot is extended until June 30, 2020. Therefore, the USPTO will treat as timely any PPH request based on IMPI work product filed in the USPTO on or before June 30, 2020. In addition, the USPTO will treat as timely any PPH request based on IMPI work product filed in the USPTO between June 30, 2018, and the publication date of this notice.

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