

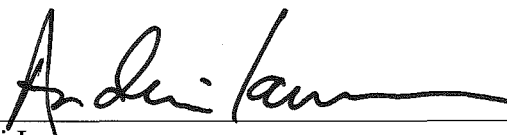
**Continuation of the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Program  
Between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and  
the National Institute of Industrial Property of Brazil**

On January 11, 2016, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) commenced a Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program with the National Institute of Industrial Property of Brazil (INPI). *See* Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Program Between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property, 1423 OFF. GAZ. PAT. OFFICE 52 (February 2, 2016). This PPH pilot program was due to terminate on January 10, 2018.

With a continued commitment to enhance intellectual property cooperation between both offices, the USPTO and the INPI have agreed to extend the PPH pilot program until April 30, 2020. Therefore, the USPTO will treat as timely any PPH request based on INPI work product filed in the USPTO on or before April 30, 2020. In addition, the USPTO will treat as timely any PPH request based on INPI work product filed in the USPTO between January 10, 2018, and the publication date of this notice.

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