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eMod Text Pilot Program

Training for Soft Pilot

eMod Team

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eMod Team Introduction

Today's Presenters:

- Rich Fernandez
- Amy Stevens
- Lisa Tran

Additional Team Members:

- Huong Esposito
- Elizabeth Brown
- Jeff Wong
- Tony Uranga
- Mike Spear
- Curtis Givens
- David Smith

eMod: eCommerce Modernization

The **eMod Project** improves the electronic patent application process by modernizing USPTO's application filing and viewing systems

UPDATES to EFS-Web and Private PAIR	
Completed Features	Upcoming Features
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PAIR Administration – features in PAIR to allow self-administration by the user• New e-Office action search• Enhanced existing webform for ADS (Application Data Sheet)• New webform for corrected ADS• Link to Global Dossier (also available for public PAIR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ability to accept structured text (eMod Text Pilot Program)• Ability to deliver structured text (eMod Text Pilot Program)• Ability to download XML (eMod Text Pilot Program)• Interim authentication solution

Patent Center

- New, unified system to replace EFS-Web and PAIR
 - Features single interface for filing and managing patent applications
 - Integrates recent technology for enhanced system operations and increased functionality
- Benefits
 - Updated infrastructure to enable more efficient system integration
 - Increased functionality and overall system usefulness
 - Enhanced user experience through improved interface
 - Improved processes for patent submission, review, and management
 - Revamped authentication process to address current Java compatibility
 - Increased accuracy of application processing and publication

eMod Text Pilot Program


- **eMod Phase 1: Summer 2016**
 - Through EFS-Web and Private PAIR
 - Open to small group of applicants
 - Accept and deliver initial patent application submissions in .docx format
 - Incorporate updates based on user feedback

Soft Release: eMod Text Pilot Program

- **Soft Pilot Release**
 - Very small group of selected participants
 - First few Customer Numbers registered to join the eMod Text Pilot Program
 - We will work closely with you to ensure your feedback is captured and addressed promptly
- **Official Pilot start date will be in late August or in September**

eMod Text Pilot Program

Guidelines



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EFS-Web and PAIR
eMod Text Pilot Program Participant Guidelines
Starting July 2016

Participant Guidelines:

The guidelines below express the understanding between eMod (eCommerce Modernization) Text Pilot Program participants and the USPTO regarding the activities related to the testing of the new features that will be incorporated into the new patent electronic filing and management system in development, which will henceforth be referred to as Patent Center. During the eMod Text Pilot Program, the existing electronic patent application filing and viewing tools, EFS-Web and Private PAIR, will be leveraged to learn about the text usage to include into Patent Center. The goal of the eMod Text Pilot Program is to have applicants utilize new features to patent applications (specifically specification, claims and abstract) for new utility applications, text, and provide feedback to the eMod Text Pilot Program for further improvements. eMod Text Pilot participants will be able to submit and receive text comments. Private PAIR will be used to agree on the eMod Text Pilot Program. Participants may be able to receive text comments from the eMod Text Pilot Program.

Registration

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* 2. Are you participating as a registered practitioner or independent inventor?

☐ Registered Practitioner
☐ Independent Inventor

* 3. Please list the Customer Numbers you would like to register for the eMod Text Pilot Program in order of priority?

You may list up to five Customer Numbers, however only the first Customer Number below will be added to the program initially. If there are available slots, additional Customer Numbers may be added into the program.

1st Customer Number
2nd Customer Number
3rd Customer Number
4th Customer Number
5th Customer Number

* 4. Requester Name (Registered Practitioner or Independent Inventor)

Guidelines Highlights

- **Please include .docx documents for as many applications as possible during the Pilot**
 - Docx documents include Claims, Abstract, and Specification
 - All submissions from your CN while on the Pilot are not required to be in .docx format
- **Review documents carefully prior to submission**
- **Utilize eMod-provided forms to report issues and give feedback**

The background of the slide is a technical drawing of a mechanical assembly, likely a piston and crank mechanism, rendered in a light gray line-art style. Various parts are labeled with numbers such as 18, 80, 36, 24, 30, 40, 34, 32, 52, 84, 86, and 82. The drawing is set against a dark blue background that has a wavy, torn-paper-like edge at the top and bottom.

Live Demo

eMod Text Pilot Program Features

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Feedback Forms

- **eMod Text Pilot Program Report Form**
 - Report any comments, ideas or problems to the USPTO
 - Link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/eModTextPilotProgramReportForm>
- **eMod Text Pilot Program Questionnaire**
 - Provide overall feedback about the eMod Text Pilot Program
 - Link: TBD

Assistance

- eMod Text Pilot Program Guidelines
- QSG for eMod Text Pilot Program: EFS-Web
- QSG for eMod Text Pilot Program: PAIR
- eMod Website: www.uspto.gov/emod
- eMod Mailbox: eMod@uspto.gov

Highlights

- PAIR – If a .docx document contains objects or formats that are not recognized by the system, the corresponding XML will not be generated. A lack of an XML file doesn't equate to any issues with your submission.
- EFS-Web – Applicants should not submit the “multi-document .docx” (application body structured text document) with duplicate application parts (specification, abstract, claims). This will generate an error, and you cannot proceed with the submission until the duplicate application parts are removed.

Upcoming Changes

- August 15 – 20: PAIR – After the user Selects All and begins the downloading process for certain document types such as DOCX, the other document types such as PDF will update the columns Viewed By and Earliest Viewed by Date in Private PAIR. Issue will be resolved on a deployment on August 20th.
- September 9 – Pilot users will not be able to file in .docx for a few hours during the release. Times to be confirmed closer to release.

Question and Answer



