

**Colombian Superintendence of Industry and Commerce Transitioning to the  
Global Patent Prosecution Highway Pilot Program**

On September 1, 2012, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) commenced a Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program which enabled an applicant whose claims have been determined allowable/patentable in an application filed in the Colombian Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (SIC) to have the corresponding application filed in the USPTO advanced out of turn for examination. See *Patent Prosecution Highway Pilot Program between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Colombian Superintendence of Industry and Commerce*, 1381 OFF. GAZ. PAT. OFFICE 212 (August 21, 2012).

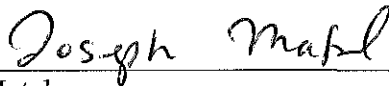
On January 6, 2014, the USPTO began participating in the Global PPH ("Global PPH") pilot program, which consolidated and replaced numerous earlier PPH programs, thereby streamlining and simplifying the PPH process for both applicants and Global PPH participating offices. See *Implementation of the Global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

The SIC has informed the USPTO that, effective July 6, 2017, the SIC will participate in the Global PPH pilot program. On such date, the Global PPH pilot program will supersede the bilateral PPH pilot program between the USPTO and the SIC.

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