

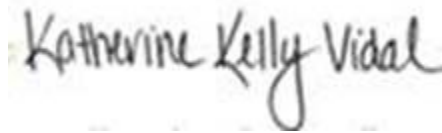
**Continuation of the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Program
Between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and
the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property**

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 scheduled to end on June 30, 2022. *See* Continuation of the Patent Prosecution Highway Pilot Program between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property, 1476 *Off. Gaz. Pat. Office* 56 (July 7, 2020).

With a continued commitment to enhancing intellectual property cooperation between their offices, the USPTO and the IMPI have agreed to extend the pilot until June 30, 2027. Therefore, the USPTO will treat as timely any PPH request based on IMPI work product filed in the USPTO on or before June 30, 2027. In addition, the USPTO will treat as timely any PPH request based on IMPI work product that was filed in the USPTO between June 30, 2022, and the publication date of this notice.

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