

**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 due to terminate on June 30, 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 USPTO and the IMPI have agreed to extend the pilot until June 30, 2018.

All requirements for participation in the PPH pilot program remain unchanged. Please see the above-referenced July 21, 2015 notice published in the *Official Gazette*, for more information on the PPH pilot program with the IMPI.

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