

Subject: Comments/Questions on revision of search and examination Fees for PCT applications entering the national stage in the U.S.

Sirs:

The rule appears on its face to apply only to U.S. national stage applications filed under 35 USC 371.

Does the search fee reduction also apply to:

- a. U.S. national applications filed as continuation applications of PCT applications under 35 USC 111(a)?
- b. U.S. national applications filed as continuation applications of U.S. national stage applications filed under 35 USC 371?

Does the examination fee reduction apply to those continuation applications? How about if there have been: a. formal amendments to the claims; or b. more substantive amendments to the claims?

Please feel free to contact me if I can answer any questions.

Very truly yours,
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