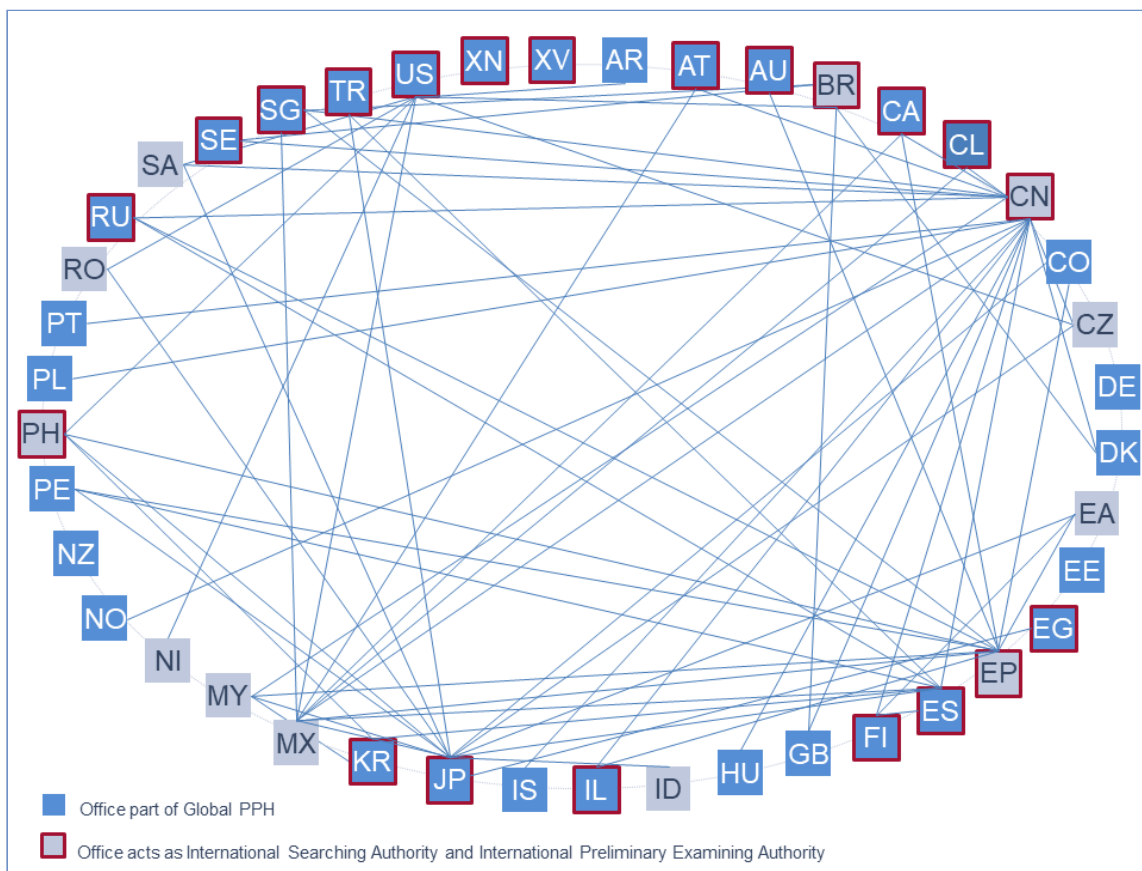


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PCT-Patent Prosecution Highway Program (PCT-PPH and Global PPH)

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PCT-PPH - one of many worksharing initiatives

A number of bilateral agreements have been signed between patent Offices to promote worksharing and enable patent applicants to request accelerated processing in the national phase, where patent examiners can make use of the work products from the other Office(s). These work products can include:

- the written opinion of the International Searching Authority,
- the written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority, or
- the international preliminary examination report issued within the framework of the PCT, subject to certain conditions.

By requesting that their applications be processed under these agreements, applicants can generally obtain a final action more quickly before participating Offices.

Reusing search and examination results in this way facilitates the prosecution of patent applications. The decision about whether to grant a patent, however, remains under the control of the national or regional Offices.

More about other [worksharing initiatives among Offices](#)

This list of PPH arrangements does not include agreements which are based on purely national examinations products; please see the [PPH Portal website](#) (JPO).

Global Patent Prosecution Highway

Under the Global Patent Prosecution Highway (Global PPH) pilot, a request for accelerated processing can be made at any participating office based on work products, including PCT work products, from any one of the other participating offices under unified criteria.

Offices participating in the Global PPH pilot are:

AT Austrian Patent Office
 AU Australian Patent Office
 CA Canadian Intellectual Property Office
 CL National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)
 CO Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)
 DE German Patent and Trade Mark Office
 DK Danish Patent and Trademark Office
 EE Estonian Patent Office
 ES Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
 FI Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)
 GB Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom)
 HU Hungarian Intellectual Property Office
 IL Israel Patent Office
 IS Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)
 JP Japan Patent Office
 KR Korean Intellectual Property Office
 NO Norwegian Industrial Property Office
 NZ Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)
 PE National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)
 PL Patent Office of the Republic of Poland
 PT National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)
 RU Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation)
 SE Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)
 SG Intellectual Property Office of Singapore
 US United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)
 XN Nordic Patent Institute
 XV Visegrad Patent Institute

- [Further information about Global PPH](#)

IP5 Patent Prosecution Highway

Offices participating in the IP5 PPH pilot are:

User Experiences

- Carl Oppedahl [\[YouTube\]](#)

Submit PCT-PPH User Experiences

- The International Bureau invites PCT-PPH users to share their experience of using this accelerated procedure with other users. Submitted strategies and experiences will be posted online to assist other users in maximizing the benefits of this procedure.
 E-mail submissions to: pct.legal@wipo.int

PPH General Information

- [PPH Portal website](#)

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- Information about PROSUR-PPH

Alianza del Pacífico-PPH

- Information about Alianza del Pacífico-PPH

CN China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)
EP European Patent Office
JP Japan Patent Office
KR Korean Intellectual Property Office
US United States Patent and Trademark Office

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Bilateral PCT-PPH Agreements

For further information concerning forms and guidance on administrative procedures of each participating Office see:

Offices are listed by Office of Later Examination, to which applicants should submit their PCT-PPH requests (Global PPH, IP5 PPH and other multilateral PCT-PPH are not repeated for each possible Office combination).

National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (Argentina)	
AR	
has PCT-PPH agreements with:	
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US United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)	/ Form
This Office participates in the PROSUR Patent Prosecution Highway pilot	Guidelines
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AT Austrian Patent Office has PCT-PPH agreements with:	
CN China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) (page 3)	Guidelines
This Office participates in the Global Patent Prosecution Highway pilot.	
This Office also has a number of PPH agreements which do not include PCT work products.	
AU Australian Patent Office has PCT-PPH agreements with:	
EP European Patent Office	Form
This Office has a PCT-PPH accelerated examination procedure using PCT work products prepared by the Office.	
This Office participates in the Global Patent Prosecution Highway pilot.	
CA Canadian Intellectual Property Office has PCT-PPH agreements with:	
CN China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)	
EP European Patent Office	Guidelines/Form
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This Office participates in the Global Patent Prosecution Highway pilot.	
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CL National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) has PCT-PPH agreements with:	
CN China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)	Guidelines
This Office participates in the PROSUR Patent Prosecution Highway pilot .	
This Office participates in the Alianza del Pacifico Patent Prosecution Highway pilot .	
This Office participates in the Global Patent Prosecution Highway pilot.	
CN China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) has PCT-PPH agreements with:	
AT Austrian Patent Office	Forms (see below)
CA Canadian Intellectual Property Office	Forms
CL National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)	Forms
ES Spanish Patent and Trademark Office	Forms
FI Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)	Forms
IL Israel Patent Office	Forms
RU Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation)	Forms
SE Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)	Forms
SG Intellectual Property Office of Singapore	Forms

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PPH [Forms](#) at this Office include a PPH request form

and a Form for making corrections

CO Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia) has PCT-PPH agreements with:

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JP [Japan Patent Office](#)

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This Office participates in the [PROSUR Patent Prosecution Highway](#) pilot.

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This Office participates in the [Global Patent Prosecution Highway](#) pilot.

This Office also has a number of [PPH agreements](#) which do not include PCT work products.

CZ Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic has PCT-PPH agreements with:

CN [China National Intellectual Property Administration \(CNIPA\)](#)

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JP [Japan Patent Office](#)

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US [United States Patent and Trademark Office](#)

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DE German Patent and Trade Mark Office participates in the [Global Patent Prosecution Highway](#) pilot.

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This Office also has a [PPH agreement](#) which does not include PCT work products.

DK Danish Patent and Trademark Office has PCT-PPH agreements with:

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BR [National Institute of Industrial Property \(Brazil\)](#)

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CN [China National Intellectual Property Administration \(CNIPA\)](#)

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EA Eurasian Patent Office has PCT-PPH agreements with:

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KR Korean Intellectual Property Office

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EE Estonian Patent Office participates in the [Global Patent Prosecution Highway](#) pilot.

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EG Egyptian Patent Office (EGYPO) has PCT-PPH agreements with:

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RU Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)	Form
SG Intellectual Property Office of Singapore	Form

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ES Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has PCT-PPH agreements with:

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FI Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)	Form
JP Japan Patent Office	Form
RU Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation)	Form
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In addition, the United Kingdom's [PCT \(UK\) Fast Track](#) system allows applicants to request accelerated examination in the United Kingdom national phase if their international application has received a positive International Preliminary Report on Patentability (either Chapter I or Chapter II) regardless of which authority has issued that report. [This system](#) was relaxed on

June 8, 2012, and now allows applicants to make changes to an international application, and still request accelerated examination in the UK.

- HU** Hungarian Intellectual Property Office participates in the [Global Patent Prosecution Highway](#) pilot.
 CN [China National Intellectual Property Administration \(CNIPA\)](#) Form
- ID** Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia) has PCT-PPH agreements with:
 JP [Japan Patent Office](#) Form
- IL** Israel Patent Office has PCT-PPH agreements with:
 CN [China National Intellectual Property Administration \(CNIPA\)](#)
 EP [European Patent Office](#) Guidelines
 This Office has a [PCT-PPH](#) accelerated examination procedure using PCT work products prepared by the Office.
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 This Office also has a number of [PPH agreements](#) which do not include PCT work products.
- IS** Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO) has PCT-PPH agreements with:
 CN [China National Intellectual Property Administration \(CNIPA\)](#) [Guidelines/Forms](#)
 This Office participates in the [Global Patent Prosecution Highway](#) pilot. [Guidelines](#)
- JP** Japan Patent Office has PCT-PPH agreements with:
 EG [Egyptian Patent Office \(EGYPO\)](#) Guidelines
 TR [Turkish Patent and Trademark Office \(Turkpatent\)](#) / [Form](#)
[Guidelines](#)
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- KR** Korean Intellectual Property Office has PCT-PPH agreements with:
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 This Office also has a number of [PPH agreements](#) which do not include PCT work products.
- MX** Mexican Institute of Industrial Property has PCT-PPH agreements with:
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 CA [Canadian Intellectual Property Office](#) Guidelines
 CL [National Institute of Industrial Property \(Chile\)](#) Guidelines
 CN [China National Intellectual Property Administration \(CNIPA\)](#) Guidelines

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ES Spanish Patent and Trademark Office	Guidelines
JP Japan Patent Office	Guidelines
SG Intellectual Property Office of Singapore	Guidelines
US United States Patent and Trademark Office	Guidelines
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MY Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia has PCT-PPH agreements with:	
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EP European Patent Office	Guidelines/Form
JP Japan Patent Office	Guidelines
KR Korean Intellectual Property Office	Guidelines
NI Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)	
US United States Patent and Trademark Office	
NO Norwegian Industrial Property Office	
CN China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)	Guidelines /Form
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NZ Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand participates in the Global Patent Prosecution Highway pilot .	Guidelines
PE National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)	
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PH Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines has PCT-PPH agreements with:	
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PL Patent Office of the Republic of Poland has PCT-PPH agreements with:

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PT National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) has PCT-PPH agreements with:

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RO State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania) has PCT-PPH agreements with:

JP [Japan Patent Office](#)

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US [United States Patent and Trademark Office](#)

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RU Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation) has PCT-PPH agreements with:

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CN [China National Intellectual Property Administration \(CNIPA\)](#)

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SG Intellectual Property Office of Singapore has PCT-PPH agreements with:

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