

**20—00 PUDT**  
**Handling of Proceeding Matters**

1. In a case for a demand for a trial (an appeal) or an opposition to grant of patent (an opposition to registration of trademark), a trial clerk and a panel shall conduct formality examination and formality proceedings respectively as to whether a request of the case satisfies the prescribed formal requirements before proceedings of the case.

In a case for an inter-partes trial or an opposition to grant of patent, proceedings on the merits are prepared in parallel with examination and proceedings of formalities using a duplicate for the proceedings.

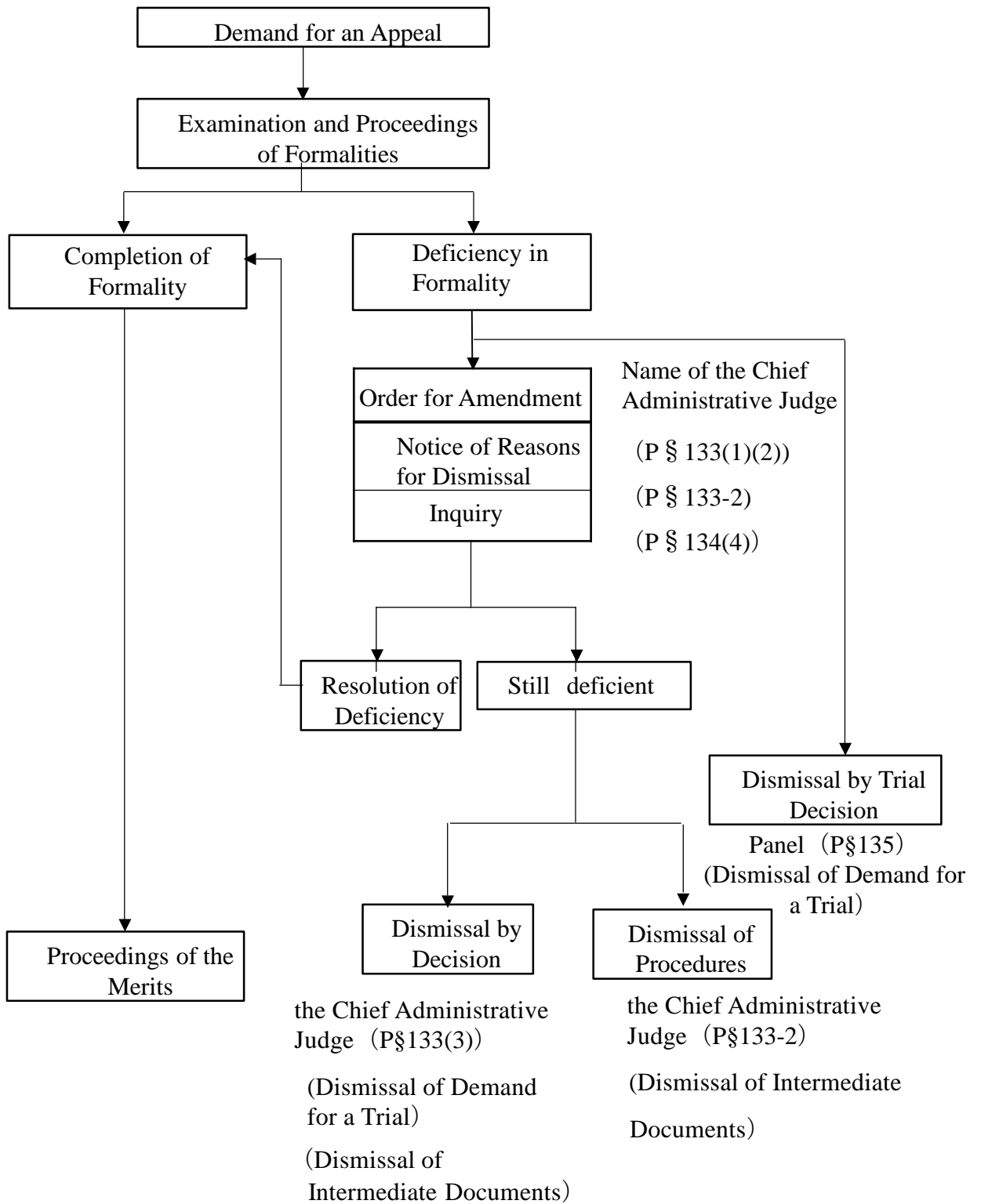
2. A flow of clerical works for examination and proceedings of formalities for a demand for a trial (an appeal) is shown below.

A flowchart indicates only articles of the Patent Act but they shall apply mutatis mutandis to the Utility Model Act Article 41, the Design Act Article 52, or the Trademark Act Articles 56(1), 68 (4).

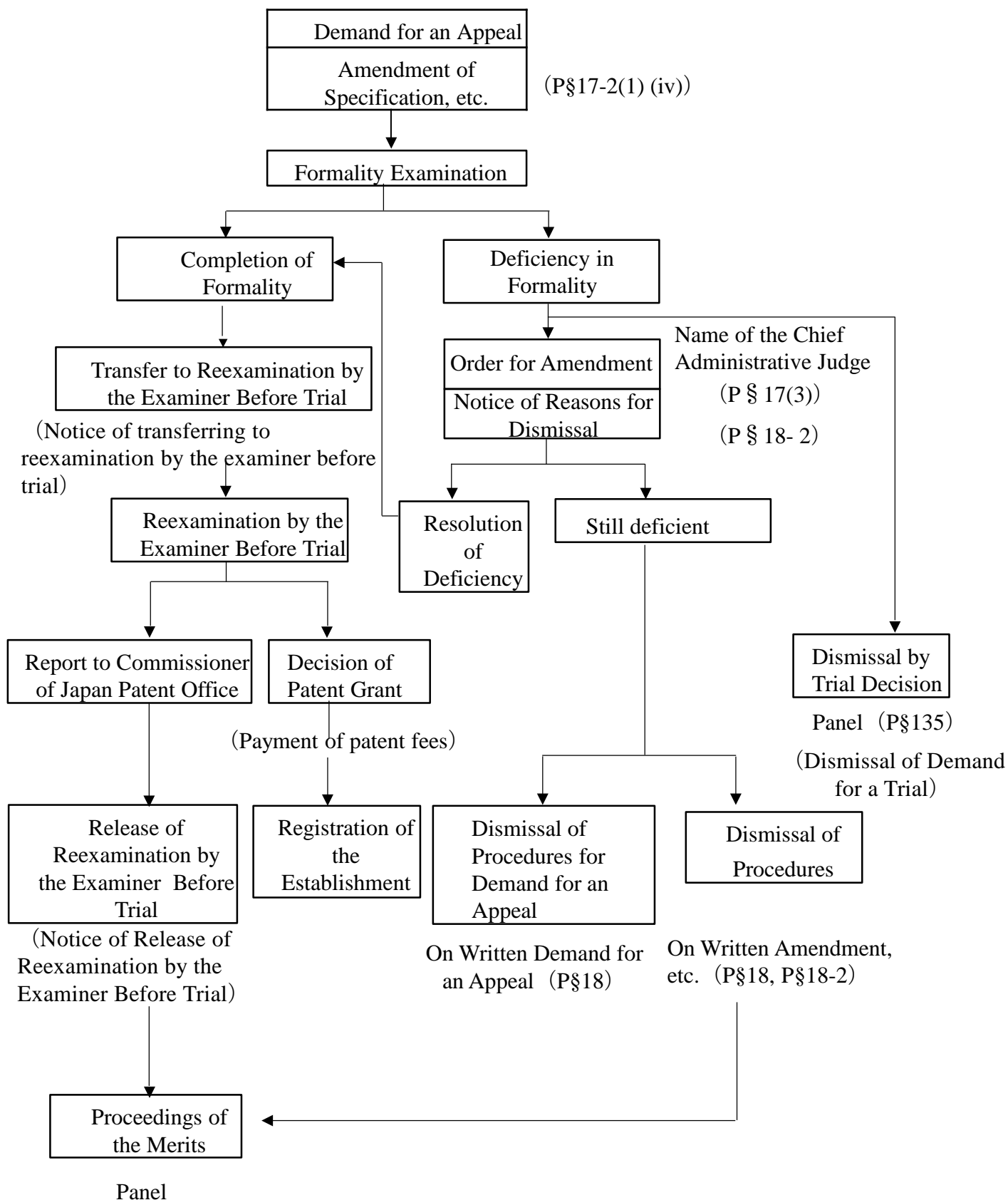
3. Examinations and proceedings of formalities are also conducted on intermediate documents submitted during the proceedings.

[Appeal Against Examiner's Decision of Refusal]

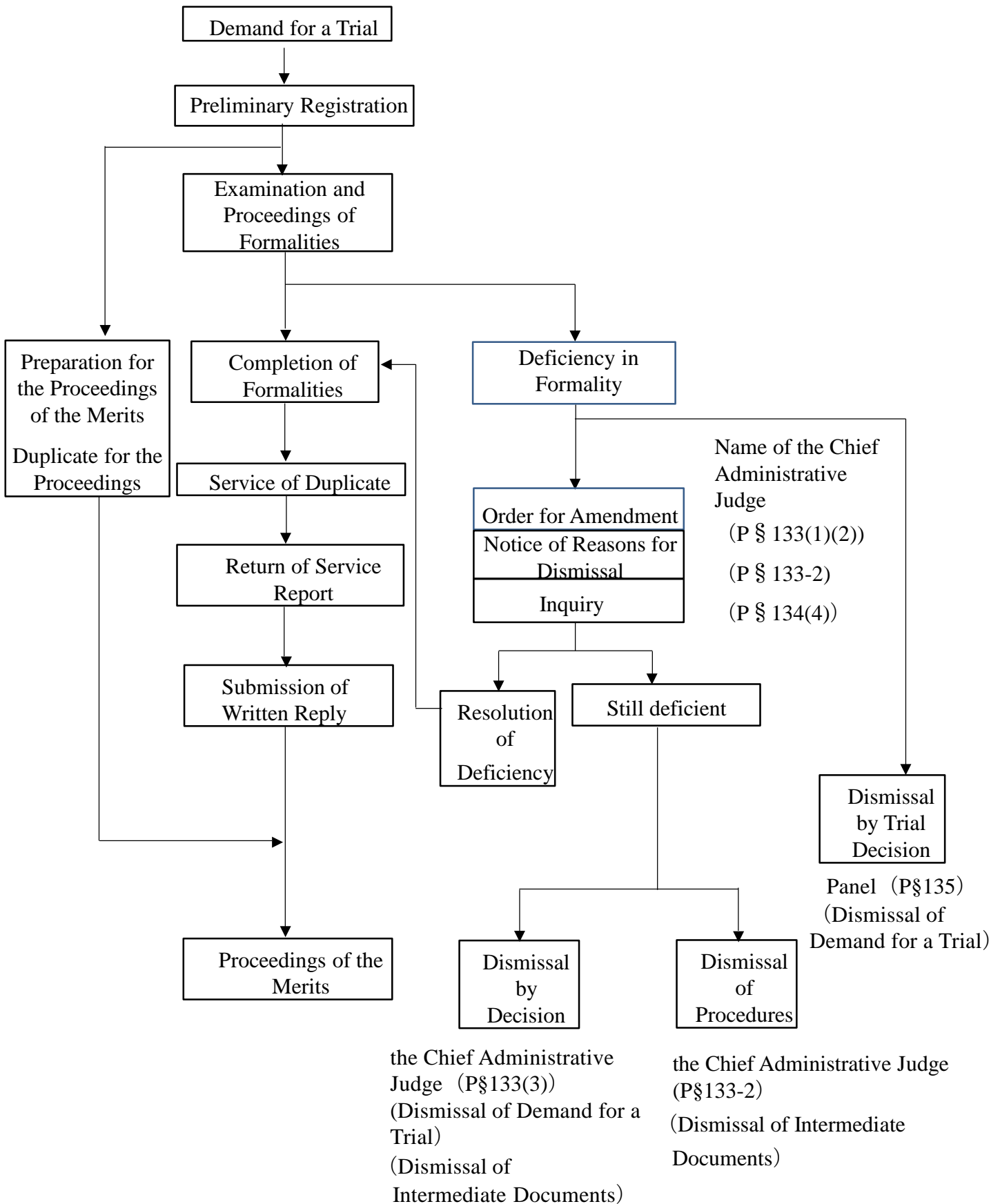
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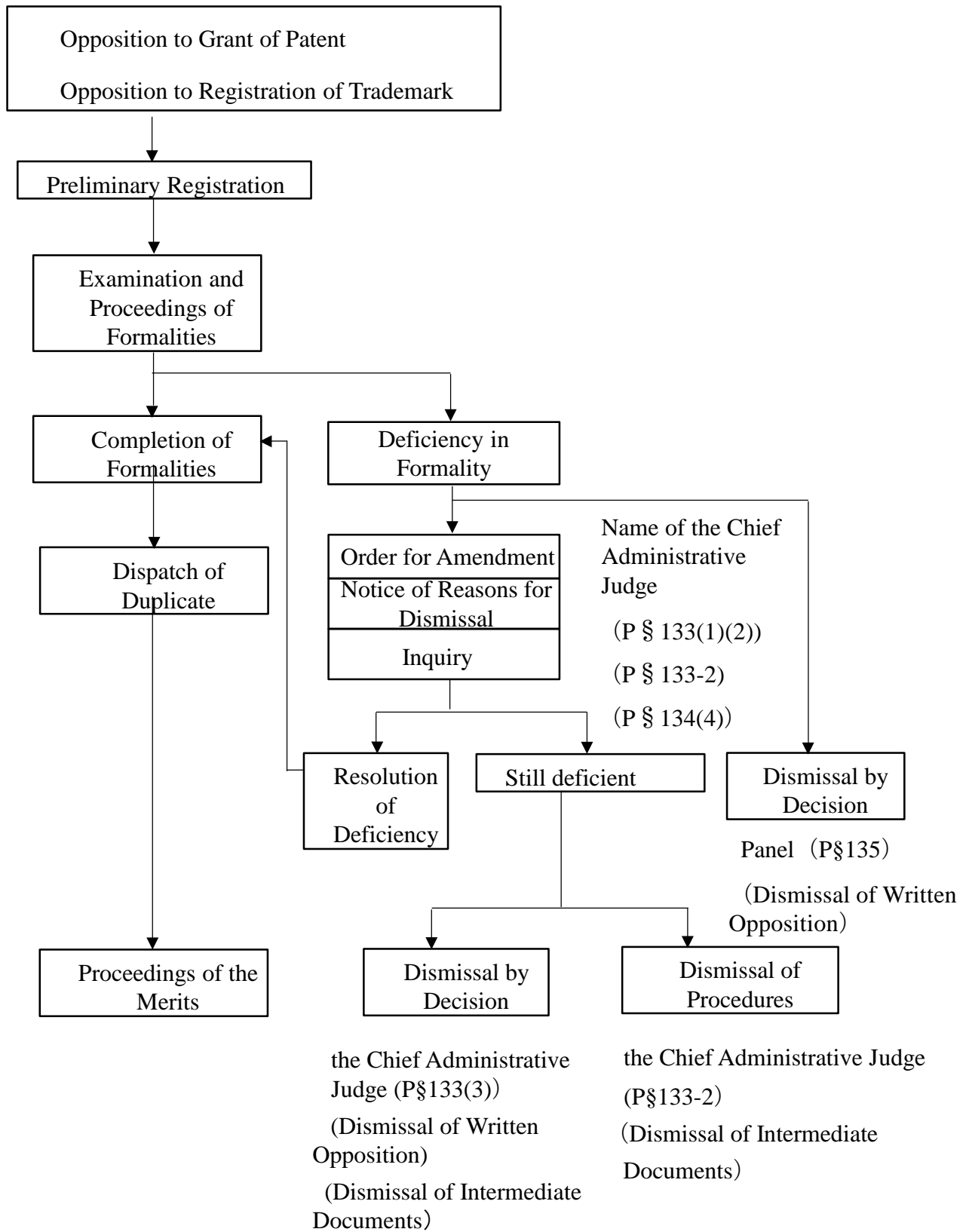
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[Inter-partes Trial]



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