

3. A copy of the office action(s) relating to the corresponding OFF application(s).<sup>4</sup>
4. A copy of the references cited by the OFF examiner<sup>5</sup>

## What is behind the numbers?

The results are positive. Here are some of them:

The allowance rate of applications based on a PPH request is roughly twice as high as the allowance rate of applications based on a non-PPH request.

The amount of time necessary for the whole granting procedure can be reduced up to 50% when a PPH request is submitted.

The first action pendency is significantly shorter upon a request based on PPH (from 32 months to 6 months in Japan, and from 25 months to 2-5 months in the US).

The number of communications is reduced by half.

<sup>4</sup> If an online file inspection system is available at the OFF (such as the AIPN system operated at the Japan Patent Office), there is no need to submit the office action(s) to HIPO.

<sup>5</sup> If the references cited by the OFF examiner are patent documents, it is not necessary to submit the copies of these documents.



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**PPH** Patent  
Prosecution  
Highway

## Patent Prosecution Highway

**What is PPH?**

**What PPH is good for?**

**How can I use PPH?**

## What is the PPH?

The PPH, through the exploitation of all the search/examination-related information of the OFF,

- (1) supports applicants in their efforts to obtain stable patent rights efficiently around the world and
- (2) reduces the search/examination burden, and improves the quality of the examination of the major patent offices in the world.

## What is the PPH good for?

The Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) is a framework in which an application whose claims have been determined to be patentable in the Office of First Filing (OFF) is eligible to go through an accelerated examination in the Office of Second Filing (OSF) with a simple procedure upon an applicant's request.

## How can I use the PPH?

### Filing a PPH request

- The Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO) has launched Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) cooperative project with the Japan Patent Office, which entered into force on August 3, 2009.
- PPH co-operations with the Austrian Patent Office and the National Board of Patent and Registration of Finland were started on January 4, 2010.
- The starting date of the PPH pilot project between the HIPO and the USPTO was July 1, 2010.

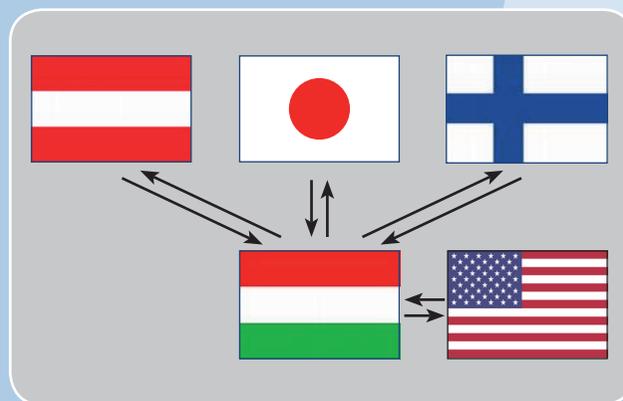
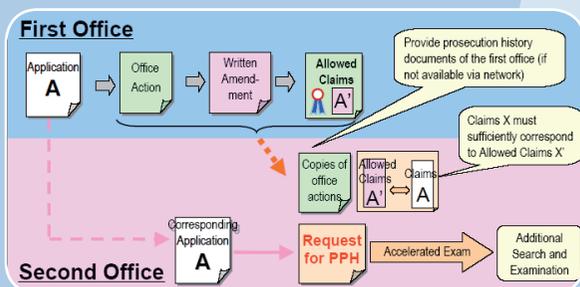
### The requirements and documentation for PPH request

#### The requirements

1. The OSF application eligible claims the priority of the granted OFF patent.<sup>1</sup>
2. At least one claim was found to be patentable at the OFF.
3. The claims in the OSF must sufficiently correspond to the allowable claims in the OFF application.
4. The examination for the OSF application cannot have started yet.<sup>2</sup>

#### Documentation

1. Claim Correspondence Table.
2. The claims in the OSF must sufficiently correspond to the allowable claims in the OFF application. Provide copies of the allowable claims.<sup>3</sup>



- <sup>1</sup> If HIPO is the OSF, PPH request is allowed to request in those PCT national phase applications where no priority was claimed.
- <sup>2</sup> If the HIPO is the OSF, PPH request can be filed until the „Communication of Approval” has not yet been issued.
- <sup>3</sup> If an online file inspection system is available at the OFF (such as the AIPN system operated at Japan Patent Office), there is no need to submit the patentable claims to HIPO.