

in FAA Order 7400.8K dated September 26, 2002.

The FAA has determined that this proposed regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. Therefore, this proposed regulation: (1) Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Environmental Review

This proposal will be subject to the appropriate environmental analysis in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1D, Policies and Procedures for Considering Environmental Impacts, prior to any FAA final regulatory action.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 73

Airspace, Navigation (air).

The Proposed Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 14 CFR part 73 as follows:

PART 73—SPECIAL USE AIRSPACE

1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959–1963 Comp., p. 389.

§ 73.23 [Amended]

2. § 73.23 is amended as follows:

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R-2301E, Ajo East AZ [Amended]

By removing "Time of designation. Monday–Friday, 0630–2230 local time; other times by NOTAM," and substituting "Time of designation. Daily, 0630–2400 local time; other times by NOTAM."

R-2304, Gila Bend AZ [Amended]

By removing "Time of designation. 0700–2200 local time; other times by NOTAM," and substituting "Time of designation. Monday–Saturday, 0630–2400 local time; other times by NOTAM."

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R-2305, Gila Bend AZ [Amended]

By removing "Time of designation. 0700–2300 local time; other times by NOTAM," and substituting "Time of designation. Monday–Saturday, 0630–2400 local time; other times by NOTAM."

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

37 CFR Part 1

[Docket No. 2003–P–021]

RIN 0651–AB61

January 2004 Revision of Patent Cooperation Treaty Application Procedure

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (Office) is proposing to amend the rules of practice to conform them to certain amendments made to the Regulations under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) that will take effect on January 1, 2004. These amendments will result in the addition of a written opinion in PCT chapter I, as well as a simplification of PCT designations and the PCT fee structure. In addition, the Office is proposing to adjust the transmittal, search, and international preliminary examination fees for international applications filed under the PCT to be more closely aligned with the actual average costs of processing a PCT application and conducting a PCT search and international preliminary examination under the new process.

COMMENT DEADLINE DATE: To be ensured of consideration, written comments must be received on or before June 30, 2003. No public hearing will be held.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent by electronic mail message via the Internet addressed to AB61.Comments@uspto.gov. Comments may also be submitted by mail addressed to: Mail Stop Comments-Patents, Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA, 22313–1450, or by facsimile to (703) 308–6459, marked to the attention of Mr. Richard

Cole. Although comments may be submitted by mail or facsimile, the Office prefers to receive comments via the Internet. If comments are submitted by mail, the Office would appreciate the comments to be electronically filed on a DOS formatted 3½ inch disk with a paper copy of the comments.

The comments will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Commissioner for Patents, located in Crystal Park 2, Suite 910, 2121 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia, and will be available through anonymous file transfer protocol (ftp) via the Internet (address: <http://www.uspto.gov>). Since comments will be made available for public inspection, information that is not desired to be made public, such as an address or phone number, should not be included in the comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: During the September–October 2002 meeting of the Governing Bodies of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the PCT Assembly adopted various amendments to the Regulations under the PCT that enter into force on January 1, 2004. The amended PCT Regulations were published in the PCT Gazette of December 5, 2002 (49/2002), in section IV, at pages 25004–25061. The purposes of these amendments are to: (1) Improve coordination of international search (chapter I of the PCT) and international preliminary examination (chapter II of the PCT) through the provision of an enhanced international search and preliminary examination system; (2) simplify the PCT by changing the concept and operation of the designation system and the fee system; and (3) simplify signature and other filing requirements.

Enhanced International Search and Preliminary Examination System: Under the enhanced international search and preliminary examination system, the written opinion currently established during the chapter II procedure by the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) has been added to the chapter I procedure. Accordingly, the International Searching Authority (ISA) will be responsible for establishing a preliminary and non-binding written opinion on whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step and to be industrially applicable. In the event that a Demand for international preliminary examination is timely filed by applicant without a PCT Article 34 amendment,