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Highlights

Highlights of this Revision include:

- Chapter 100 was revised to review the process for obtaining access to or copies of a provisional application; and to incorporate changes resulting from *Facilitating the Use of the World Intellectual Property Organization's ePCT System To Prepare International Applications for Filing With the United States Receiving Office*, 85 FR 61604 (September 30, 2020).
- Chapter 200 was revised to clarify the potential need to change inventorship after a restriction requirement; to clarify requirements for making a delayed benefit claim; to specify requirements for English language translations of foreign applications; and to clarify that the merits of a priority claim is not determined unless required for patentability reasons.
- Chapter 600 was revised to incorporate changes from *Electronic Submission of a Sequence Listing, a Large Table, or a Computer Program Listing Appendix in Patent Applications*, 86 FR 57035 (October 14,

2021); to incorporate changes from *Standard for Presentation of Nucleotide and Amino Acid Sequence Listings Using eXtensible Markup Language (XML) in Patent Applications To Implement WIPO Standard ST.26; Incorporation by Reference*, 87 FR 30806 (May 20, 2022); and to clarify IDS practice.

- Chapter 1300 was revised to clarify that the examiner should determine if an extension of time is required for entry of an examiner's amendment; to update the process for performing an interference search of applications held under Secrecy Order; to update the process for withdrawal from issue, at the initiative of the Office, after payment of the issue fee; to clarify how assignee information is identified for printing on an issued patent; and to clarify the procedure for handling a "Printer Rush."
- Chapter 1800 was revised to reflect updated PCT rules and Administrative Instructions; to update requirements for sequence listings; to clarify the process for correcting or adding an indication referred to in [PCT Rule 4.11](#); to clarify the process for making amendments to the claims are made under [PCT Rule 66.8](#); to clarify the time period for amending an application after entering the U.S. national stage; to clarify that any required inventor's oaths or declarations must be filed prior to or with a request for continued examination; and to clarify the requirements for drawings.
- Chapter 2900 was revised to clarify the basic flow of an application under the Hague Agreement; to clarify aspects of directly or indirectly filing an international design application; to clarify appointment of a representative and specification of a correspondence address; to clarify that an inventor may not be a juristic entity; to clarify requirements with respect to the title, description, and drawings; and to clarify the processes for foreign priority claims, corrections, and recording of changes.

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