

PPH WITH THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE OF SINGAPOUR (IPOS)

The PPH program between **the INPI and the IPOS** has started on the **1st of September, 2024** and, since the **1st of September, 2026**, and will last on a **permanent basis**.

1. REQUIREMENTS

An INPI application must meet four requirements to allow an acceleration of the examination under the PPH program (acceleration request called "PPH request") between the INPI and the IPOS:

A. The INPI application for which participation in the PPH program is requested must have the same earliest date, whether this is the priority date or filing date, as that of a corresponding national application filed with the IPOS, or a corresponding PCT international application for which the IPOS was the International Searching Authority (ISA) or the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA).

B. The corresponding application has at least one claim indicated by the IPOS in its capacity as a national office, ISA and/or IPEA to be patentable/allowable.

To have the meaning of patentable/allowable for the purposes of this program, a claim must be novel, involve an inventive step and be industrially applicable.

C. All claims in the INPI application for which participation in the PPH program is requested must sufficiently correspond to the patentable/allowable claims in the corresponding IPOS application.

A claim is considered to sufficiently correspond where, accounting for differences due to claim format requirements, the claim is of the **same** or **similar scope** as a patentable/allowable claim in the corresponding IPOS application.

Claims are considered to "sufficiently correspond" where, accounting for differences due to translations and claim format, the claims in the INPI are of the same or similar scope as the claims indicated as patentable/allowable in the IPOS, or the claims in the INPI are narrower in scope than the claims indicated as patentable/allowable in the IPOS. In this regard, a claim that is narrower in scope occurs when a claim indicated as patentable/allowable in IPOS is amended to be further limited by an additional feature that is supported in the specification (description and/or claims).

Additionally, a claim in the INPI application that introduces a new/different category of claims than those indicated to be patentable/allowable by the IPOS is not considered to sufficiently correspond.

For example, where the IPOS application contains only claims relating to a process of manufacturing a product, then any product claims in the INPI application are not considered to sufficiently correspond, even if the product claims are dependent on process claims which sufficiently correspond to patentable/allowable claims in the IPOS application.

Any claims amended or added after the grant of the request for participation in the PPH program must sufficiently correspond to one or more patentable/allowable claims in the IPOS application.

D. The INPI has not begun the grant examination of the application at the time of request for the PPH.

For a better acceleration of the examination process, the INPI recommends to file the PPH request within 12 months from the filing date of the INPI application.

2. DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

The documents listed below must be either provided by attaching them to the PPH request form or identified, if available to the examiner as described below, **when filing an acceleration request under the PPH.**

A. A copy of the work product(s) which indicate the allowability of the claims of the corresponding IPOS application, or the PCT application with the IPOS as an ISA/IPEA.

The IPOS work product includes one of the following:

- (a) Examination Report
- (b) Examination Review Report
- (c) Written Opinion(s)

For PCT work products: WO-ISA, WO-IPEA or IPRP.

If the INPI encounters difficulties to reach said office actions, then the applicant will be asked to provide a copy.

Either French or English is acceptable as translation language. Machine translations are admissible.

B. Copies of all claims determined to be patentable/allowable by the IPOS.

Either French or English is acceptable as translation language. Machine translations are admissible.

C. Copies of documents cited by the IPOS examiner in the work products submitted under 2.3.2.A.

Non-patent literature must always be submitted if cited.

In the case of prior art documents consisting of patents, a copy is not necessarily required. If the INPI encounters difficulties to reach said patent documents, then the applicant will be asked to provide a copy.

Translation of prior art documents is not necessary.

D. Claim correspondence table

The applicant must submit a claim correspondence table, which indicates how all claims in the INPI application sufficiently correspond to the patentable/allowable claims in the IPOS application.

When the claims are just literal translation, the applicant can just write down that “the claims are the same” in the table. On the contrary, when the claims are not just a literal translation, it is necessary to explain the sufficient correspondence of each claim.

3. PROCEDURE FOR ACCELERATED EXAMINATION UNDER PPH PROGRAM

The procedure for filing a PPH request is described below (see 4. Procedure for filing a PPH request). INPI then reviews the application’s eligibility for accelerated examination under the PPH program. The application, once found acceptable by INPI, is assigned a special status for the accelerated examination under the PPH.

In case where applicant has failed to meet any of the requirements set forth above, the applicant will be notified of such failure and be given at least one opportunity to fix it before the request is rejected. Applicant whose PPH participation request was rejected can file a PPH request on the same application again, as long as there still has not been any grant examination by INPI at the time of the new PPH request.

4. PROCEDURE FOR FILING A PPH REQUEST

A. FILING A PPH REQUEST AT THE FILING OF THE PATENT APPLICATION

It is possible to file an acceleration request under the PPH program at the filing of the patent application. **PPH request must be submitted through INPI's online filing website:** <https://procedures.inpi.fr/?/>

How to select the PPH request option:

The option to file a PPH request will appear in the "revendication de priorité" section once the priority of an application has been claimed.

Sensibilité défense nationale

Renvoi à une demande antérieure

Intervenants

Contenu

Revendication de priorité

Demande de délivrance accélérée

Extension de protection

Réduction des redevances

Séquences de nucléotides

OPTION : REVENDICATION DE PRIORITÉ 1

La priorité n°1 a été ajoutée.

Vous pouvez revendiquer la priorité d'une demande étrangère antérieure ou le bénéfice de la date de dépôt d'une demande française antérieure. Cette faculté est ouverte uniquement si votre dépôt est effectué dans un délai maximal de 12 mois à compter de la date de dépôt de la demande antérieure la plus ancienne. Il n'est pas possible de revendiquer simultanément une priorité étrangère et le bénéfice de la date de dépôt d'une demande française antérieure.

Ajouter une priorité +

#	N°	DATE DE DÉPÔT	PAYS	
1	2020-011111	01/01/2020	Japon	Modifier Supprimer

Demande d'examen accéléré en vertu du PPH / Request for an accelerated examination under the PPH pilot program ☐ Non

Then you need to **tick "Oui"** (next to "Request for an accelerated examination under the PPH program"), in order to trigger the possibility to provide the corresponding documents:

Corresponding application number (Numéro de demande correspondante)	Corresponding application number
Joindre vos documents +	Copies of all office actions (which are relevant to substantial examination for patentability in the office) which were issued for the corresponding application by the office (copies de toutes les notifications de l'office (pertinentes pour l'examen substantif pour la brevetabilité au office) qui ont été envoyées pour la demande correspondante par l'office)
Joindre vos documents +	translations of them (leur traduction)
Joindre vos documents +	Copies of all claims determined to be patentable by the office (copies de toutes les revendications déterminées comme étant brevetables par l'office)
Joindre vos documents +	translations of them (leur traduction)
Joindre vos documents +	Copies of references cited by the office examiner (copies des références citées par l'examineur de l'office)
Joindre vos documents +	Claim correspondence table (tableau de correspondance des revendications)
Details about omitted documents (explication à propos des documents non soumis)	Explication à propos des documents non soumis...

Required documents listed below must either be provided by attaching them to the PPH request form, or identified, if available to the examiner as described above, **when filing an acceleration request under the PPH**.

Join the documents to be provided when filing an acceleration request under the PPH:

Four documents must be submitted, as specified above:

- Copies of the offices actions/work products which indicate the patentability/allowability of the claims (and their translation)
- Copies of all claims determined to be patentable/allowable by the PPH partner office (and their translation)
- Copies of the references/documents cited by the PPH partner office examiner in the said office action/work product
- Claim correspondence table between INPI claims and said patentable/allowable claims ; an example can be found in the PPH request form (see "Aide en Ligne" section or below)



Warning: The provision of a claim correspondence table is mandatory for processing a PPH request. In addition, non-patent literature must always be submitted if cited.

The field entitled "**Corresponding application number/Numéro de demande correspondante**" allows the applicant to indicate the application number on which the PPH request is based (when this application number is different from the priority number).

The field entitled "**Details about omitted documents/Explication à propos des documents non fournis**" allows the applicant to indicate the reasons why he didn't provide some of the documents (with the exception of the correspondence table, which must always be provided, as well as non-patent literature or any other document that is not accessible via the PPH partner office's dossier access system).

When you click on "**Joindre vos documents**", then you can upload your documents:

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Pensez à bien cliquer sur le bouton 'Envoyez le document' afin que les documents téléversés soient bien pris en compte.

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Just **click on "Parcourir"**, then upload the document in PDF format, and click on "Envoyer le document".

Finally, **once all of the required documents have been uploaded**, click on "**Etape suivante**" to continue the patent application process

Joindre vos documents +

Claim correspondence table (Table de correspondance des revendications)*

Details about omitted documents
(Explication à propos des documents non soumis)

Explication à propos des documents non soumis...

CRÉÉ LE	NOM	TYPE	CATEGORIE	ACTION
17/12/2020	TypeRR_29_07_2020_165032_FR1660034.pdf	PDF	Claim correspondence table / Table de correspondance des revendications	Supprimer Télécharger

Etape suivante >

At the end of the patent application filing process, when you see the filing summary ("**Récapitulatif de dépôt**"), you will be able to **check the information concerning the PPH request and documents provided in the "Revendication de priorité"** you have submitted during the filing process.

OPTION : REVENDICATION DE PRIORITÉ 1

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Demande d'examen accéléré en vertu du PPH / Request for an accelerated examination under the PPH pilot program

Oui

CRÉÉ LE	NOM	TYPE	CATÉGORIE	ACTION
17/12/2020	TypeRR_29_07_2020_165032_FR1660034.pdf	PDF	Claim correspondence table / Table de correspondance des revendications	Supprimer Télécharger

Filing a PPH request is **free of charge**.

B. FILING A PPH REQUEST AFTER THE FILING OF THE PATENT APPLICATION

It is still possible to file a PPH request at any time after the filing of the patent application, as long as the INPI has not begun the grant examination of the application.

How to select the PPH request option:

Just click on **"Transmettre un document"** under **"Mes actions"**:

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Réf. I.N.P.I. : FR2030124		Titre Demande de brevet conforme aux exigences antérieures au standard xml	Extension Polynésie Française	☐ Non	Réduction de redevance	☐ Non	Demande de délivrance accélérée	☐ Non
N° de publication :			Séquences de nucléotides et/ou d'acides aminés	☐ Non				
Votre réf. :		Type Brevet français						
Date de dépôt : 17/12/2020		Demande de brevet provisoire	☐ Non					
MES ACTIONS								
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INTERVENANTS	
TYPE —	NOM —

Then click on **"Parcourir"** and upload all of the documents related to the PPH request, in PDF format:

DOCUMENTS

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Attention, les fichiers ne peuvent excéder la taille de **100.00 Mo** et doivent appartenir au(x) type(s) **.pdf** et **.txt**
 Les types « Description », « Revendications », « Dessins », « Texte d'abrégé » et « Dessin d'abrégé » doivent être utilisés pour les versions sans modifications apparentes.
 La version avec les modifications apparentes doit être fournie en tant que courrier d'accompagnement ou dans le courrier d'accompagnement.

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REÇU LE	NOM	TYPE	ACTION
17/12/2020	application-body.xml	Contenu de la demande XML	Télécharger
17/12/2020	Demande_redige_compatible.XML.docx.zip	Contenu de la demande ZIP	Télécharger
17/12/2020	Demande_redige_compatible.XML.docx.pdf	Contenu de la demande PDF	Télécharger
17/12/2020	Demande_redige_compatible.XML.docx	Contenu de la demande DOCX	Télécharger

Once the documents have been uploaded, **please select "Requête PPH / PPH Request" for the "Type"**, then click on "Envoyer le document":

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US____2019380418A1_I_.pdf	Requête PPH / PPH request	.pdf	2.82 Mo	Oui	100 %	

The uploaded document can be seen in the "Documents" section:

When the PPH request is not filed at the same time as the patent application, **the provision of a PPH request form and claim correspondence table are mandatory** for completing the processing of a PPH request. In addition, non-patent literature must always be provided, if cited.

5. PPH REQUEST FORM

Request for an accelerated examination under the PPH program with INPI's PPH partner offices -
Requête pour un examen accéléré via le programme PPH de l'INPI avec ses offices partenaires
pour le PPH.

INPI Application number (numéro de dépôt de la demande INPI) :

Corresponding Partner Office Application number (numéro de la demande de brevet de l'office partenaire
correspondante) :

Documents submitted (documents fournis) :

☐ Copies of all office actions/work product (which are relevant to substantial examination for
patentability) which were issued for the corresponding application by the PPH Partner Office
and (copies de toutes les notifications (pertinentes pour l'examen de la brevetabilité) qui ont été envoyées pour la
demande correspondante par l'office partenaire et)

☐ translations of them (leur traduction)

☐ Copies of all claims determined to be patentable by the PPH Partner Office and (copies de
toutes les revendications déterminées comme étant brevetables par l'office partenaire et)

☐ translations of them (leur traduction)

☐ Copies of documents cited by the PPH Partner Office examiner in the office actions/work
products submitted (copies des documents cités par l'examineur de l'office partenaire dans les notifications
soumises)

☐ Claim correspondence table (tableau de correspondance des revendications)

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The claim in the INPI (revendications de la demande INPI)	The patentable claim in the PPH Partner Office (revendications brevetables de la demande de l'office partenaire)	Comments about the correspondence (commentaires sur la correspondance)

(Documents to be omitted to submit – Explication à propos des documents non fournis) :
