## Brazilian Patent Office establishes PPH pilot project with Denmark

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In its continued effort to decrease the patent examination backlog, the Brazilian Patent Office has signed its seventh PPH agreement, this time with the Danish Patent Office.

The agreement inaugurates a pilot program by means of which the examination of applications filed in either of the two national offices, or in the respective PCT Receiving Offices, will be expedited.

The frame of the agreement is very similar to the ones previously signed with other Offices. Its main lines are the following:

- The initial time span of the pilot program will be of two years, running from September 2018 to August 2020;
- The maximum number of applications to be admitted each year in Brazil will be 100;
- The main subject matter of the applications is restricted to class F of the IPC (International Patent Classification. However, applications also falling in class in A61K will not be accepted;
- Each applicant will only be allowed to present one application per calendar month, except in the last month of the program in which no quantity limit per applicant will be imposed.

For further reference, <u>access here</u> the translation of Resolution INPI/PR 223, regulating the program and detailing the conditions for acceptance, please, let us know.

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