

Guidelines for Accelerated Patent Grant under the Cooperation between the Ministry of Economy of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) (hereinafter referred to as “the Ministry”) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and, in accordance with the United Arab Emirates Patent Law

Rule 1

The accelerated patent grant under cooperation for accelerated grant of patent application in a UAE-related patent application from the USPTO shall be made at the Ministry.

Rule 2

Applicant can request an accelerated patent grant for patent applications that had been filed with the Ministry.

Rule 3

The request for an accelerated patent grant can be used only for a patent application that had been filed at the Ministry that has following criteria:

- 1- A patent application validly claiming priority under the Paris Convention of the corresponding USPTO patent application; or
- 2- A patent application that serves as the basis for validly claiming priority under the Paris Convention of the corresponding USPTO patent application, including a PCT patent application that entered the national phase, or
- 3- A patent application that is based on the same patent application for validly claiming priority under the Paris Convention of the corresponding USPTO patent application, including a PCT patent application that entered the national phase.

Rule 4

For request for an accelerated patent grant, applicant shall use the Form as attached in Annex 1 and shall provide the following information:

- a- Title of the invention;
- b- Date of filing;
- c- Patent application number;
- d- Applicant name;
- e- Corresponding patent application filed at the USPTO;
- f- An attached document that includes the following:
 - i- A copy of the patent granted by the USPTO on the corresponding patent application which had been published in the Official Gazette for Patents and certified by the USPTO;
 - ii- A translation of claims and specification described in the Official Gazette for Patents in Arabic. Applicant may submit this translation within (6) six months of the date on which the request for the facilitating Patent Grant of the UAE-related patent application was filed; and
 - iii- A claims correspondence table that maps the claims in the application filed with the Ministry to the claims allowed in the patent issued by the USPTO.

Rule 5

The request for an accelerated patent grant can be accepted only for a patent application corresponding to patent application filed at USPTO that has following criteria:

- 1- There must be a USPTO patent application that has the same earliest date as the patent application filed at the Ministry on which acceleration is requested;

2- The corresponding USPTO patent application has been determined to be patentable by the USPTO; and

3- The corresponding USPTO patent application must have claims that had been filed at the Ministry and in which one or more claims in the corresponding USPTO patent application determined to be patentable by the USPTO.

Rule 6

The request for an accelerated patent grant under the cooperation for accelerated grant of patent application in the UAE-related patent application from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) under these Guidelines is free of charge.

Rule 7

Any provision whose meaning is contrary to these Guidelines shall be considered as null and void.

Rule 8

The Ministry shall have the duty to implement these Guidelines from the date of signing (issuance).