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Subject: Comments to Changes to Practice for the Examination of Claims in Patent Applications

I am writing in opposition to changes to the Practice for the Examination of Claims in Patent Applications as published in the January 24, 2006 Official Gazette of the USPTO.

1. Amendments to 37 CFR 1.75. I disagree with the proposed rule. I believe it is the USPTO's public obligation to examine each and every claim submitted in a patent application. Extra fees are paid for claims that exceed 20 plus independent claims that exceed 3. When extra claims are present and the extra claim fees are paid, the PTO Examiner should be given an accordingly greater amount of time to examine the application. Shifting the burden to the Applicant to conduct a search and explain patentability places an extra large burden (especially financially) upon the patentee and does not appear to be justified in view of the PTO's chartered obligations.

Thanks,
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