



EFS-Web

Quick Start Guide

**THIRD-PARTY PREISSUANCE
SUBMISSIONS
UNDER 37 CFR 1.290**



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1. Introduction

This guide is for Third-Party Preissuance Submissions under 37 CFR 1.290. For general information on submitting applications electronically via EFS-Web please review the EFS-Web Quick Start Guide located at <http://www.uspto.gov/patents/process/file/efs/guidance/EFSS-WebQuickStartGuide.pdf>

35 U.S.C. 122(e) provides a mechanism for third parties to submit patents, published patent applications, or other printed publications of potential relevance to the examination of a patent application with a concise description of the asserted relevance of each document submitted. Under 35 U.S.C. 122(e), such submissions must be made (1) before the later of (i) 6 months after the date the application is first published by the Office, or (ii) the date of a first Office action on the merits rejecting any claim, and (2) before the date a notice of allowance is given or mailed. Section 122(e) also provides for such fees as the Director may prescribe. This new provision is effective September 16, 2012, and applies to any patent application filed before, on, or after September 16, 2012.

The resource page for Third-Party Preissuance Submissions can be located at:
http://www.uspto.gov/aia_implementation/patents.jsp#heading-7

This Quick Start Guide will provide you with the information you need in order to rapidly understand how to file a Third-Party Preissuance Submission, including a brief overview of the process and screen shots that identify critical aspects of the submission.

A more comprehensive guide on how to use EFS-Web can be found at the EFS-Web Guidance and Resources page located at: <http://www.uspto.gov/patents/process/file/efs/guidance/index.jsp>

2. Basic Guidelines for Filing a Third-Party Preissuance Submission

- You must be able to access EFS-Web.
- The radio button “Third-Party Preissuance Submission under 37 CFR 1.290” **must** be selected.
- You can be either a Registered or Unregistered eFiler. Only Registered eFilers may save a submission as a work-in-progress for up to 7 days.
- A Third-Party Submission under 37 CFR 1.290 may be made in any non-provisional utility, design, or plant application, including any continuing application. The application may be pending or abandoned and need not be published.
- Third-Party Submissions under 37 CFR 1.290 are **not** permitted in reissue applications and reexamination proceedings.
- Before being entered into the image file wrapper (IFW) record of an application, Third-Party Submissions will be reviewed for compliance with 35 U.S.C. 122(e) and 37 CFR 1.290.

- Consult the current fee schedule available at <http://www.uspto.gov/about/offices/cfo/finance/fees.jsp> for the correct fee amounts. The fee for a Third-Party Submission is currently \$180 for every 10 documents listed or fraction thereof, as set forth in 37 CFR 1.290(f) and 37 CFR 1.17(p).
- There is no fee required if the first submission by a third party in an application that lists three or fewer items, and is accompanied by the statement set forth in 37 CFR 1.290(g).
- If a Third-Party Submission has been submitted but a required component has been omitted, the omitted component cannot be submitted as a follow-on paper. Instead, the third party may file another complete submission which includes the omitted component, provided the time period for doing so has not closed.

Warning: EFS-Web sessions will time-out after one hour of inactivity. A Third-Party Submission that has not been submitted or saved after one hour of inactivity will be lost. You will need to login to EFS-Web again and re-enter the information from the start.

3. Filing a Third-Party Preissuance Submission

3.1 Signing-On to EFS-Web

Third parties have the option of signing-on to EFS-Web as either a Registered or Unregistered eFiler.

3.1.1 Registered eFiler

Once you have signed-on to EFS-Web as a Registered eFiler, you will need to certify that you are the certificate holder or working under the authority of the certificate holder. Registered eFilers who authenticate can save “In-progress” submissions and return to edit them prior to completing the submission, but any required payment will be due upon filing of the completed submission.

Your Digital Certificate has been authenticated - please certify your identity:

I certify that I am the certificate holder

I certify that I am working under the authority of the certificate holder:

To submit a Third-Party Preissuance Submission, select the “**Existing application/patent**” radio button. The Web screen will expand to display additional options. Select the radio button located next to “**Third-Party Preissuance Submission under 37 CFR 1.290**” and enter the Application Number and Confirmation Number. The Confirmation Number can be obtained by looking up the application number in the Public Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) System located at <http://portal.uspto.gov/external/portal/pair> and viewing the Bibliographic Data. If the Confirmation Number is not available or not known, the Third-Party Submission cannot be filed electronically and may be filed in paper instead.

EFS Registered

Registered eFilers 37 Please Read Announcements

Certification

A submission has not been filed officially at the USPTO until the e-filer executes the Submit function and the documents are received at the USPTO Eastern Time. The Acknowledgement Receipt is evidence of this submission.
All items denoted by * are required.

EFSWeb demo test.

IMPORTANT: Please read the [Legal Framework for using EFS-Web](#). For information on the Paperwork Reduction Act as it pertains to: ePetitions, please see the [OMB Clearance and PRA Burden Statement ePetitions page](#); third party submissions under 37 CFR 1.290, please see the [OMB Clearance and PRA Burden Statement Third Party Submissions page](#).

Your Digital Certificate has been authenticated - please certify your identity:

I certify that I am the certificate holder **Rich FQT Fernandez**

I certify that I am working under the authority of the certificate holder: **Rich FQT Fernandez**

Main Functions

New application/proceeding
(This includes new filings of continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part and re-issue applications, as well as reexamination and supplemental examination proceedings. A request for continued examination (RCE) and continued prosecution application (CPA) are considered existing documents and must be filed as a registered eFiler.)

Existing application/patent/proceeding ?

Select Type of Submission for Existing Application/Proceeding

Documents/Fees for an existing application/proceeding (applicant/representative only)
(A request for continued examination (RCE) and continued prosecution application (CPA) are considered existing documents)

ePetition (for automatic processing and immediate grant, if all petition requirements are met)

eProcessing (Electronic Terminal Disclaimer and other requests for automatic processing)

Pre-Grant Publication under 37 CFR 1.211 to 1.221 ?

Third-Party Preissuance Submission under 37 CFR 1.290 ?
(for utility, design, or plant application only, and not a reissue application or reexam proceeding)

* Application Number (EXAMPLE: 99999999 , 99/999999 or 99/999,999) ?

* Confirmation Number (EXAMPLE: 1234) ?

* Pursuant to 37 CFR 11.18(b), a party presenting any paper to the Office is certifying that all statements made therein of the party's own knowledge are true, and that all statements made therein on information and belief are believed to be true, and all statements are made with the knowledge that whoever willfully makes any false statements or representations shall be subject to the penalties set forth under 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Any required fee must be paid at the time of filing. REGISTERED eFILERS who authenticate can save "in-progress" submissions and return to edit them prior to completing the submission, but payment will be due upon filing of the completed submission. UNREGISTERED eFILERS do not have the option of saving "in-progress" submissions. After selecting the "Continue" button below, UNREGISTERED eFILERS must complete the submission and make any required payment.

You must select the check box acknowledging that you have read the 37 CFR 11.18(b) statement in order to proceed with the submission. Next, to enter the data for the Third-Party Submission, click on the **“Continue”** button.

Note: Before proceeding, verify whether a submission would be timely under 37 CFR 1.290(b) and 37 CFR 1.7(a). Untimely submissions will not be entered and any required fees will not be refunded. At any time before you Submit, you may click the **“Cancel”** button at the bottom of page to restart the submission. By canceling the submission, any data entered will be lost and cannot be retrieved. Refer to Section 3.3 for instructions on how to save your work for later submission.

3.1.2 Unregistered eFiler

Once you have signed-on to EFS-Web as an Unregistered efiler, you will need to enter your last name, first name and e-mail address.

To submit a Third-Party Preissuance Submission, select the **“Existing application/patent”** radio button. The Web screen will expand to display additional options. Select the radio button located next to **“Third-Party Preissuance Submission under 37 CFR 1.290”** and enter the Application Number and Confirmation Number. The Confirmation Number can be obtained by looking up the application number in the Public Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) System located at <http://portal.uspto.gov/external/portal/pair> and viewing the Bibliographic Data. If the Confirmation Number is not available or not known, the Third-Party Submission cannot be filed electronically and may be filed in paper instead.

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Unregistered eFilers Registered eFilers Please Read Announcements

Welcome to Electronic Patent Filing for UNREGISTERED eFILERS

A submission has not been filed officially at the USPTO until the e-filer executes the Submit function and the documents are received at the USPTO Eastern Time. The Acknowledgement Receipt is evidence of this submission.
All items denoted by * are required.

Advisory (20APR2012) Visit www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/afcp.jsp to learn about the After Final Consideration Pilot, part of the USPTO's on-going efforts towards compact prosecution and increased collaboration between examiners and stakeholders.

Advisory (5APR2012) Tell your friends and family USPTO is hiring patent examiners in a variety of engineering, science & IP law disciplines. Amazing benefits and opportunities to support economic growth in an exciting field of work. Visit www.USPTOcareers.gov for more.

IMPORTANT: Please read [Legal Framework for using EFS-Web](#). For information on the Paperwork Reduction Act as it pertains to third party submissions under 37 CFR 1.290, please see the [OMB Clearance and PRA Burden Statement - Third Party Submissions page](#)

Sign-on as an UNREGISTERED eFILER


* e-Filer Last Name:

* e-Filer First Name:

* e-Filer E-Mail Address:


*Main Functions


New application
(This includes new filings of continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part and reissue applications, as well as reexamination and supplemental examination proceedings. A request for continued examination (RCE) and continued prosecution application (CPA) are considered existing documents and must be filed as a registered eFiler.)


Existing application/patent 

Select Type of Submission for Existing Application

Petition


Third-Party Preissuance Submission under 37 CFR 1.290 
(for utility, design, or plant application only, and not a reissue application or reexam proceeding)

* Application Number: (EXAMPLE: 99999999 , 99/999999 or 99/999,999) 

* Confirmation Number: (EXAMPLE: 1234) 

* Pursuant to 37 CFR 11.18(b), a party presenting any paper to the Office is certifying that all statements made therein of the party's own knowledge are true, and that all statements made therein on information and belief are believed to be true, and all statements are made with the knowledge that " whoever willfully makes any false statements or representations shall be subject to the penalties set forth under 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Any required fee must be paid at the time of filing. REGISTERED eFILERS who authenticate can save "in-progress" submissions and return to edit them prior to completing the submission, but payment will be due upon filing of the completed submission. UNREGISTERED eFILERS do not have the option of saving "in-progress" submissions. After selecting the "Continue" button below, UNREGISTERED eFILERS must complete the submission and make any required payment.



You must select the check box acknowledging that you have read the 37 CFR 11.18(b) statement in order to proceed with the submission. Next, to enter the data for the Third-Party Submission, click on the "Continue" button.

Note: Before proceeding, verify whether a submission would be timely under 37 CFR 1.290(b) and 37 CFR 1.7(a). Untimely submissions will not be entered and any required fees will not be refunded. Once you have selected the **“Continue”** button, Unregistered eFilers must complete the submission and make any required payment. Unregistered eFilers do not have the option of saving “In-progress” submissions. At any time before you Submit, you may click the **“Cancel”** button at the bottom of page to restart the submission. By canceling the submission, any data entered will be lost and cannot be retrieved.

3.2 Entering Data for a Third-Party Submission

On the **“Application Data”** screen, only the application number will be displayed. On this screen, enter the data for the items that are being submitted in the Third-Party Submission in the appropriate sections of the screen (e.g., U.S. Patents, U.S. Patent Application Publications, Foreign Patents and Published Foreign Patent Applications, and Non-Patent Publications). A minimum of 1 item and a maximum of 10 may be listed per electronic submission. If you need to list more than 10, please make a subsequent submission to add the additional items. A form PTO/SB/429 will be automatically generated based on the data entered on this screen. You will be able to review the auto-generated PTO/SB/429 later on the **“Review Documents”** screen.

Note: For each item entered, a Concise Description of Relevance must either be entered as text in the provided text box or uploaded as a separate document on the **“Attach Documents”** screen. Failure to include a Concise Description of Relevance for each item will result in a non-compliant submission. When entering a Concise Description of Relevance in the provided text box, up to 250 characters may be entered, and a counter will reveal how many characters you have left. A Concise Description of Relevance that exceeds 250 characters must be uploaded as a separate document on the **“Attach Documents”** screen.

3.2.1 U.S. Patents

In the **“U.S. Patents”** section, a valid 7 digit U.S. patent number must be entered in the Patent Number field. The patent number entered will be validated against the USPTO database and the First Named Inventor and Issue Date fields will be automatically filled in upon selecting the **“Add Another”** or **“Continue”** button. The Kind Code is an optional field. If known, enter the kind of U.S. patent by the appropriate symbols indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16. See Section 4.2 for a listing of Kind Codes.

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Application Data
 A submission has not been filed officially at the USPTO until the e-filer executes the Submit function and the documents are received at the USPTO. The Acknowledgement Receipt is evidence of this submission.
 All items denoted by * are required.

Third-Party Preissuance Submission under 37 CFR 1.290

Application Number: 59000000
 Filed By: Joe Inventor

Instructions: Enter each item to be listed (U.S. patent, U.S. patent application publication, foreign patent, published foreign patent application, or non-patent publication) in the designated fields below. A form PTO/SB/429 will be automatically generated, which can be reviewed on the Review Document's screen by clicking on the "Third-party-preissuance-submission.pdf" document. A total of 10 items may be listed per electronic submission. Please make a subsequent submission to add additional items over 10.

U.S. PATENTS

Complete the fields below to enter a U.S. patent. Click the "Add Another" button to enter each additional U.S. patent.

*Patent Number (EXAMPLE: 9,999,999, 9999999 or D999999) Kind Code

1234567

*Concise Description of Relevance (If not entered below, must be uploaded as a separate document on the Attach Documents screen)

Example of concise description...

You have 217 characters left.

To add additional U.S. patents, click the "Add Another" button. This button also appears in each of the other sections on this screen.

Example of concise description...

By clicking on the "Add Another" button, each previously entered U.S. patent will be listed at the top of the U.S. Patents section. You may remove an item by clicking on the respective "Remove" button.

U.S. PATENTS

Complete the fields below to enter a U.S. patent. Click the "Add Another" button to enter each additional U.S. patent.

Patent Number	Kind Code	Issue Date	First Named inventor	Concise Description of Relevance	
1234567		01/01/0001	John Smith	Example...	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>

*Patent Number (EXAMPLE: 9,999,999, 9999999 or D999999) Kind Code

*Concise Description of Relevance (If not entered below, must be uploaded as a separate document on the Attach Documents screen)

You have 250 characters left.

3.2.2 U.S. Patent Application Publications

In the **“U.S. Patent Application Publications”** section, an 11 digit publication number must be entered in the Publication Number field. The publication number will **not** be validated against the USPTO database. In addition to the Publication Number field, the Publication Date (MM/DD/YYYY) and the First Named Inventor (First Name, Last Name) fields are required to be completed. The Kind Code is an optional field. If known, enter the kind of U.S. patent application publication by the appropriate symbols indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16. See Section 4.2 for a listing of Kind Codes.

You may add additional U.S. patent application publications by clicking on the **“Add Another”** button. By clicking on the **“Add Another”** button, each previously entered U.S. patent application publication will be listed at the top of the **“U.S. Patent Application Publications”** section. To remove an entry, select the respective **“Remove”** button.

U.S. PATENT APPLICATION PUBLICATIONS 

Complete the fields below to enter a U.S. patent application publication. Click the "Add Another" button to enter each additional U.S. patent application publication.

<p>*Publication Number (EXAMPLE: YYYY999999)</p> <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="20001234567"/>	<p>Kind Code</p> <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>
<p>*Publication Date (MM/DD/YYYY)</p> <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="01 / 01 / 2000"/>	<p>*First Named Inventor</p> <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="John Smith"/>
<p>*Concise Description of Relevance (If not entered below, must be uploaded as a separate document on the Attach Documents screen)</p> <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="Example of concise description"/>	
<input type="button" value="Add Another"/>	

You have characters left.

3.2.3 Foreign Patents and Published Foreign Patent Applications

In the **“Foreign Patents and Published Foreign Patent Applications”** section, enter an appropriate document number in the Number field. This document number will **not** be validated against the USPTO database. In addition to the Number field, the Country Code, Publication Date (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Applicant, Patentee, or First Named Inventor (First Name, Last Name) fields are required to be completed. In the Country Code field, enter the country or patent office that issued the document by two-letter country code under WIPO Standard ST.3. See Section 4.1 for a listing of Country Codes. For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. The Kind Code is an optional field. If known, enter the kind of document by the appropriate symbols indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16. See Section 4.2 for a listing of Kind Codes.

An English language translation must be attached for any non-English language foreign patent or published foreign patent application publication. Translations need not be certified and a reliable machine translation may be submitted. You may indicate a translation document will be attached by

selecting the **“Translation Attached”** check box. If you select this check box, you must upload the translation document on the **“Attach Documents”** screen.

You may add additional items by clicking on the **“Add Another”** button. By clicking on the **“Add Another”** button, each previously entered foreign patent or published foreign patent application will be listed at the top of the **“Foreign Patents and Published Foreign Patent Applications”** section. To remove an entry, select the respective **“Remove”** button.

You must upload a copy of the each foreign patent or published foreign patent application listed in this section on the **“Attach Documents”** screen.

FOREIGN PATENTS AND PUBLISHED FOREIGN PATENT APPLICATIONS i

Complete the fields below to enter a foreign patent or published foreign patent application. Click the "Add Another" button to enter each additional foreign patent or published foreign patent application. Upload a copy of the foreign patent or published foreign patent application and any English language translation, as required, on the "Attach Documents" screen.

<p>*Number <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="1234567"/></p> <p>Kind Code <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/></p> <p>*Applicant, Patentee or First Named Inventor <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="Jane Smith"/></p> <p>*Concise Description of Relevance (If not entered below, must be uploaded as a separate document on the Attach Documents screen) <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/></p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">You have 250 characters left.</p>	<p>*Country Code <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="CN"/></p> <p>*Publication Date (MM/DD/YYYY) <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="01 / 01 / 2001"/></p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Translation Attached</div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"><input type="button" value="Add Another"/></div>
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3.2.4 Non-Patent Publications

In the **“Non-Patent Publications”** section, enter data for non-patent documents, such as journal articles, Office actions, communications from foreign patent offices, etc. that qualify as publications. The author (if any), title of the publication, page(s) being submitted, publication date (MM/DD/YYYY), publisher (where available), and place of publication (where available) must be entered. This data will **not** be validated against the USPTO database.

An English language translation must be attached for any non-English language publication. Translations need not be certified and a reliable machine translation may be submitted. You may indicate a translation document will be attached by selecting the **“Translation Attached”** check box. If you select this checkbox, you must upload the translation document on the **“Attach Documents”** screen.

If no publication date is known, you must provide evidence of publication. Such evidence may be in the form of, for example, affidavits, declarations, a printout from a Web site, or any other appropriate format. You may indicate that evidence of publication will be attached by selecting the **“Evidence of**

Publication” check box. By selecting this check box, you must attach the evidence of publication document(s) on the **“Attach Documents”** screen.

You may add additional items by clicking on the **“Add Another”** button. By clicking on the **“Add Another”** button, each previously entered non-patent document will be listed at the top of the **“Non-Patent Publications”** section. To remove the entry, select the respective **“Remove”** button.

You must upload a copy of each non-patent publication listed in this section on the **“Attach Documents”** screen.

NON-PATENT PUBLICATIONS

Complete the fields below to enter a non-patent publication (e.g., journal article, Office action, foreign patent office communication, etc.). Click the "Add Another" button to enter each additional non-patent publication. Upload a copy of the non-patent publication and any English language translation and evidence of publication, as required, on the "Attach Documents" screen.

***Author (if any), title of the publication, page(s) being submitted, publication date, publisher (where available), and place of publication (where available)**

Joe Author, Title, 2 pages, 01/01/2001, US

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***Concise Description of Relevance (If not entered below, must be uploaded as a separate document on the Attach Documents screen)**

Example of Concise description|

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Translation Attached
 Evidence of Publication Attached

3.2.5 Request for Notification of Non-Compliant Third-Party Preissuance Submission

By completing the **“Request for Notification of Non-Compliant Third-Party Preissuance Submission”** section, you will be notified by e-mail if the submission is found to be non-compliant. This section is not required to be completed. To request electronic notification of a non-compliant submission, you must select the check box and enter an e-mail address. The request for notification of non-compliance and the e-mail address provided will not be made of record in the application.

REQUEST FOR NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT THIRD-PARTY PREISSUANCE SUBMISSION

Check the box and enter an e-mail address to request notification of non-compliance. The request for notification of non-compliance and e-mail address will not be made of record in the application.

The undersigned requests notification via e-mail to the following address in the event the third-party submission is determined to be non-compliant.

E-mail Address:

3.2.6 Statements

To facilitate compliance, the “**Statements**” section includes the statements required by 37 CFR 1.290(d)(5)(i) and (ii). The party making the submission must state that the party is not an individual who has a duty to disclose information with respect to the application (i.e., each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of the patent application) under 37 CFR 1.56. The party making the submission must also state that the submission complies with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 122(e) and 37 CFR 1.290.

Additionally, one of the fee radio buttons must be selected. The fee for a Third-Party Submission is currently \$180 for every 10 documents listed or fraction thereof, as set forth in 37 CFR 1.290(f) and 37 CFR 1.17(p). There is no fee required if the first submission by a third party in an application lists three or fewer items, and is accompanied by the statement set forth in 37 CFR 1.290(g).

Select the first fee radio button to indicate that the required fee (i.e., \$180) is attached. If the first radio button, “The fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.290(f) has been submitted herewith” is selected, Unregistered eFilers will be required to electronically pay the required fee during the active session. See Section 3.2.11. Registered eFilers may save a submission as a “work-in-progress,” but must electronically pay the required fee upon filing the completed submission. See Section 3.3. Failure to pay the fee will result in a non-compliant submission.

Select the second radio button if no fee is required because the submission lists three or fewer total items and, to the knowledge of the person electronically signing the statement after making reasonable inquiry, the submission is the first and only Third-Party Submission filed in the identified application by the party making the submission or by a party in privity with the party. See 37 CFR 1.290(g).

Third-Party Submissions are required to be signed. At the bottom of the “**Application Data**” screen, provide a valid S-signature, and complete the Name and Registration Number (if applicable) fields. *(Please refer to EFS Web Legal Framework, Section F. Signature Policy.)* The submitter of a Third-Party Submission will be Identified but a real party in interest need not be identified.

Click on the “**Continue**” button to proceed to the next screen.

STATEMENTS

The party making the submission is not an individual who has a duty to disclose information with respect to the above-identified application under 37 CFR 1.56.

This submission complies with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 122(e) and 37 CFR 1.290.

The fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.290(f) has been submitted herewith.

The fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.290(f) is not required because this submission lists three or fewer total items and, to the knowledge of the person signing the statement after making reasonable inquiry, this submission is the first and only submission under 35 U.S.C.122(e) filed in the above-identified application by the party making the submission or by a party in privity with the party.

*Signature (EXAMPLE:/John Smith/)

*Name

Registration Number, if applicable

[Privacy Policy](#)

3.2.7 Attach Documents

Once you have provided all of the necessary information on the “**Application Data**” screen, up to 3 PDF documents will be auto-generated: (1) a concise description of relevance document (“Concise-description-generated.pdf”) that includes each concise description of relevance entered (or indicates “See Attached”), (2) a form PTO/SB/429 document listing (“Third-party-preissuance-submission.pdf”) that identifies each document entered, and (3) if applicable, a request for notification of non-compliant third-party submission (“Third-party-notification-request.pdf”).

Note: The “Information Disclosure Statement Filed” Document Description is being used for internal purposes only. The Office does not consider this filing to be an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

You may click on the respective PDF hyperlink to preview these documents. If you need to make any corrections, go back to the “**Application Data**” screen by clicking on the “**Application Data**” tab at the top of the screen. After making any corrections, you must click on the “**Continue**” button located at the bottom of the “**Application Data**” screen in order to apply any changes.

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Attach Documents

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Application Number: 59000000
Filed By: Joe Inventor

The "Information Disclosure Statement Filed" Document Description is being used for internal purposes only. The Office does not consider this filing to be an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

Files to be Submitted	Multi-Doc	Category	Document Description
Concise-description-generated.pdf	NO	EProcessing	Concise Description of Relevance
Third-party-preissuance-submission.pdf	NO	EProcessing	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed
Third-party-notification-request.pdf	NO	EProcessing	Request for Notification of Non-compliant Third-Party Submission

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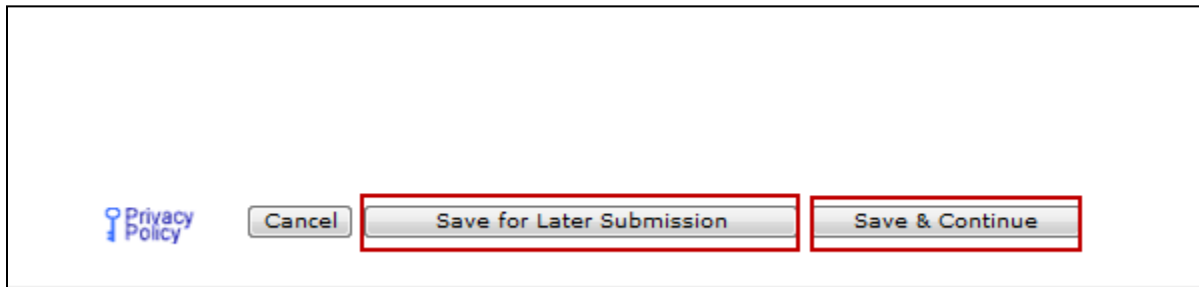
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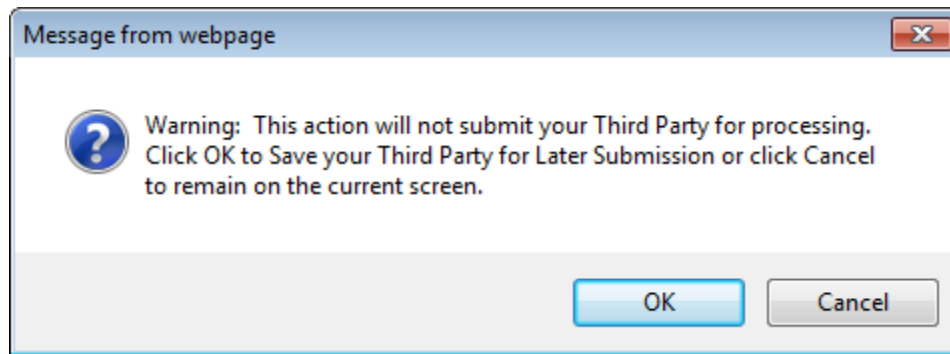
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YEMEN	YE
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- (2) The Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP) (former Benelux Trademark and Designs Offices) have replaced the national Offices of Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands with regard to actions relating to marks and industrial designs.
- (3) In the electronic database of the International Register of Marks, the International Bureau of WIPO uses the following additional codes, not part of the active codes of Standard ST.3: "DD" to designate Germany without the territory that, prior to October 3, 1990, constituted the Federal Republic of Germany; "DT" to designate Germany without the territory that, prior to October 3, 1990, constituted the German Democratic Republic.
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- (5) Provisional name.
- (6) Code BF adopted in 1984.
- (7) Code CD adopted in 1997.
- (8) Code MM adopted in 1989.
- (9) Code TL adopted on May 20, 2002.
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- (11) Code DL used before 1.1.1978.
- (12) Subsequent to the country name change of "Yugoslavia" to "Serbia and Montenegro", that took effect on February 4, 2003, and to the decision by the ISO 3166/MA to use the new country name and new two-letter code "CS" (to replace "YU"), which was announced on July 23, 2003, the SCIT Standards and Documentation Working Group agreed, at its fifth session, in November 11, 2004, to recommend that the two-letter code "YU" continue to be used for "Serbia and Montenegro" in the industrial property field because code "CS" raised certain problems due to its former use to represent "Czechoslovakia" until 1993.

4.2 WIPO ST.16 Kind Codes

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A2	Patent Application Publication (Republication)	Pre-grant publication available March 2001
A9	Patent Application Publication (Corrected Publication)	Pre-grant publication available March 2001
B1	Patent	No previously published pre-grant publication
B2	Patent	Having a previously published pre-grant publication and available March 2001
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E	Reissue Patent	No change
H	Statutory Invention Registration (SIR)	No change
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