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Rule 19J

Processing of demands for international preliminary examination.

- (1) The Examining Authority, on receipt of the demand for international preliminary examination, if the Examining Authority is competent to conduct an international preliminary examination, shall assign the identification mark 'IPEA/IN' and shall notify the Applicant and the International Bureau.
- (2) In case where the Examining Authority is not competent to conduct the international preliminary examination of the international application, it shall transmit the demand promptly to the International Bureau.

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