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In order to ensure clarity in the implementation of the new fees, a discussion of specific sections is set forth below.

Discussion of Specific Rules

37 CFR 1.16 National Application Filing Fees

Section 1.16, paragraphs (a), (b), (d), and (f)-(i), is revised to adjust fees established therein to reflect fluctuations in the CPI.

Section 1.16, paragraphs (a), (b), (d), and (g) include language changes relating to provisional patent applications (see 60 FR 20195, dated April 25, 1995).

37 CFR 1.17 Patent Application Processing Fees

Section 1.17, paragraphs (b)-(g) (m), (r), and (s), is revised to adjust fees

established therein to reflect fluctuations in the CPI.

Section 1.17, paragraphs (j) and (n)-(p), is revised to adjust fees established therein to recover costs.

37 CFR 1.18 Patent Issue Fees

Section 1.18, paragraphs (a)–(c), is revised to adjust fees established therein to reflect fluctuations in the CPI.

37 CFR 1.19 Document Supply Fees

Section 1.19, paragraphs (a)(1)(ii) and (a)(1)(iii) is revised to amend the language to reflect the PTO's most recent business practices.

Section 1.19, paragraph (b)(1), is revised to adjust fees established therein to reflect fluctuations in the CPI.

37 CFR 1.20 Post-Issuance Fees

Section 1.20, paragraphs (c), (i), and (j), is revised to adjust fees established therein to recover costs.

Section 1.20, paragraphs (e)-(g), is revised to adjust fees established therein to reflect fluctuations in the CPI.

37 CFR 1.21 Miscellaneous Fees and Charges

Section 1.21, paragraph (a)(1), is revised to adjust fees established therein to recover costs.

37 CFR 1.445 International Application Filing, Processing, and Search Fees

Section 1.445, paragraph (a), is revised to adjust the fees authorized by 35 U.S.C. 376 to recover costs.

37 CFR 1.482 International Preliminary Examination Fees

Section 1.482, paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii), and (a)(2)(ii), is revised to adjust the fees authorized by 35 U.S.C. 376 to recover costs.

37 CFR 1.492 National Stage Fees

Section 1.492, paragraphs (a), (b) and (d), is revised to adjust fees established therein to reflect fluctuations in the CPI.

37 CFR 2.6 Trademark Fees

Section 2.6, paragraphs (b)(1)(ii) and (b)(1)(iii), is revised to amend the language to reflect the PTO's most recent business practices.

Section 2.6, paragraph (b)(2), is revised to adjust fees therein to recover costs.

37 CFR 7.1 Requirements

Section 7.1, is revised to designate the current language as paragraph (a), and to add new paragraphs (b)-(j) to clarify that the requirements for patent and patent application assignment documents, including the requirement for the fee set forth in § 1.21(h),

submitted for recording also apply to instruments submitted for recording on the Government Register. Sections 7.1(b)-(d) and (f)-(i) contain language similar to that in §§ 3.21, 3.28, 3.31, 3.34, 3.26, 3.27, and 3.41, respectively.

Section 7.1(b), is added to provide that an instrument relating to a patent must identify the patent by the patent number, that an instrument relating to a national patent application must identify the national patent application by the application number (consisting of the series code and the serial number, e.g., 07/123,456) or the serial number and filing date, that an instrument relating to an international patent application which designates the United States of America must identify the international application by the international application number (e.g., PCT/US90/01234), and that if an assignment is executed concurrently with, or subsequent to, the execution of the patent application, but before the patent application is filed, it must identify the patent application by its date of execution, name of each inventor, and title of the invention so that there can be no mistake as to the patent application intended.

Section 7.1(c), is added to provide that each instrument submitted to the PTO for recording must be accompanied by a cover sheet referring to those patent applications and patents against which the instrument is to be recorded, that one set of instruments and cover sheets to be recorded should be filed, and that if an instrument to be recorded is not accompanied by a completed cover sheet, the instrument and any incomplete cover sheet will be returned for proper completion of a cover sheet and resubmission of the instrument and

a completed cover sheet.

Section 7.1(d), is added to provide that each cover sheet must contain: (1) the name of the party conveying the interest; (2) the name and address of the party receiving the interest; (3) a description of the interest conveyed or transaction to be recorded; (4) each application number or patent number against which the instrument is to be recorded, or an indication that the instrument is filed together with a patent application; (5) the name and address of the party to whom correspondence concerning the request to record the instrument should be mailed; (6) the number of applications or patents identified in the cover sheet and the total fee; (7) the date the instrument was executed; (8) a statement by the party submitting the instrument that to the best of the person's knowledge and belief, the information contained on the cover