

VERY IMPORTANT - ARGENTINA – PATENT FAST TRACK

Resolution 339/2010 - Establishes that the owner of several patent applications will be able to request the interchange of chronological order for substantial examination of same

Until April 30, 2011, it is possible to request the interchange of the chronological order for substantive examination of patent applications belonging to an applicant, being accepted the interchange among applications belonging to different legal entities that are related themselves (as they are parts of the same economic group).

The following requirements must be met:

- a) the applications must belong to the same subclass pursuant to the Strasbourg Agreement for the International Classification of Patents
- b) the examination fee must have been paid and the application must have been published in the patents bulletin before the publication date of the resolution in the official bulletin (January 13, 2011).

The owner of several patent applications can request that one of his/her applications of utmost interest be examined before any other application of his/her own that, according to the date on which the substantial examination was requested, should be examined in the first place.

As already mentioned, the term to request the modification of the chronological order expires on **April 30, 2011**, so we would appreciate you letting us know which are the applications you would like to speed up in order for us to be able to study the possibility of requesting the interchange.

We remain at your entire disposition to clarify any doubt or question you may have in this respect.

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