

**[ IPO OFFICE ORDER NO. 67, S. 2011, April 20, 2011 ]**

**THE REVISED IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PATENTS, UTILITY MODELS AND INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS**

In line with the mission of the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines of ***"..enabling and ensuring the effective use of the IP system in all levels of society for the creation, protection, utilization and enforcement of IP"*** and its strategic goal to deliver quality and timely patents and other registrations, the Director General, pursuant to his authority under Sec. 7.1 of Republic Act No. 8293, hereby promulgates the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations for Patents, Utility Models and Industrial Designs.

**Introduction**

The Implementing Rules and Regulations for Patents, Utility Models and Industrial Designs (IRR) have been in existence for more than 10 years. The IRR for Patents was approved on December 29, 1998 while the IRR for Utility Models and Industrial Designs were approved on December 2, 1998. Although there were several amendments thereafter, a comprehensive review of the regulations was not conducted. Considering the accumulated experience through years of implementation of the regulations, it is timely to take stock of the learning and incorporate the best practices into the IRR to improve the structure and system of examining and granting patents, utility models and industrial designs. There are procedural aspects that need to be streamlined and substantive aspects that needs clarification. Further, with the recent advent of emerging technologies, such as computer-related inventions, biotechnology, nanotechnology and the likes, the regulations need to provide more fitting parameters and processes for the same.

The draft of the proposed amendments to the IRR was initially prepared by Engr. Feliciano P. del Mundo, Jr., and it was subsequently reviewed by a technical work group comprising of senior examiners from the Bureau of Patents. With inputs coming from experts of various fields, the draft underwent several revisions. It was further revised after consultations with other internal and external stakeholders were conducted on several occasions.

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