

**Continuation of the Patent Prosecution Highway Pilot Program  
between the NBPR and the USPTO**

On July 6, 2009, the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (NBPR) commenced a Patent Prosecution Highway pilot program (PPH) which enabled an applicant whose claims have been determined allowable/patentable in an application filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to have the corresponding application filed in the NBPR advanced out of turn for examination. The NBPR indicated that the pilot program would last for a period of one year ending on July 6, 2010, but may be extended for an additional time period thereafter.

In order to adequately assess the feasibility of the PPH pilot program, the NBPR and the USPTO have agreed to extend the pilot in its current state in order to collect more information before any formal decision on the program is made.

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