Intent to Publish Corrected Publications for Patent Applications Published on April 25, 2024, that Contained Incorrect Filing Dates and/or Benefit Dates

Summary

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is publishing corrected patent application publications for patent applications published on April 25, 2024, that contained errors in the filing date and/or benefit date(s). No action is required from the affected patent applicants.

Details

With certain exceptions, the USPTO promptly publishes nonprovisional utility and plant applications after the expiration of a period of 18 months from the earliest filing date for which a benefit is sought under 35 U.S.C. 119, 120, 121, 365, or 386 (pre-grant publications). See 35 U.S.C. 122(b). The pre-grant publications include actual filing dates of the applications and any earlier filing dates for which a benefit is sought.

Pre-grant publications published on April 25, 2024, included errors in the filing date and/or benefit date(s). The errors occurred during initial data assembly and export in the publication process. The USPTO has made the appropriate system corrections to address these errors in filing date and/or benefit date, and pre-grant publications published after the system corrections will not include incorrect filing date and/or benefit date and/or benefit date (s) caused by the system errors that resulted in the incorrect April 25, 2024, publications.

The USPTO considers the filing date and benefit date(s) of an application to be material for examination. Therefore, the USPTO considers the publication errors on April 25, 2024, as grounds for corrected patent application publications in accordance with 37 CFR 1.221(b).

The USPTO will, on its own initiative, send a "Notice of Acceptance of Publication Request" in the affected applications. The publications for the affected applications will be republished in due course as corrected patent application publications to include the correct filing date and/or benefit date(s). Corrected patent application publications have a label "A9" (Patent Application Publication (Corrected Publication)) adjacent the publication number. No action is required from the affected patent applicated patent application number.

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