

(B1) A full text submission path and document exchange between all ROs, ISA/IPEAs and the IB

For effective full text processing of corrections, amendments and rectifications, receiving Offices and International Authorities will all need to accept full text changes to the international application according to a common standard and to exchange these with the International Bureau. Otherwise, applicants will need to submit rectified sheets and, to avoid the application effectively reverting to being an imagebased filing, the national Office or International Bureau would need to transcribe the changes into the international application.

National and regional Offices should consider how such arrangements could be made, for example through ePCT as either a browserbased function or else as a web service for integration into the systems of Offices.

The International Bureau seeks advice on Office capabilities to update local transmission systems and advice on any necessary updates to the Administrative Instructions.