

International (PCT) patent application



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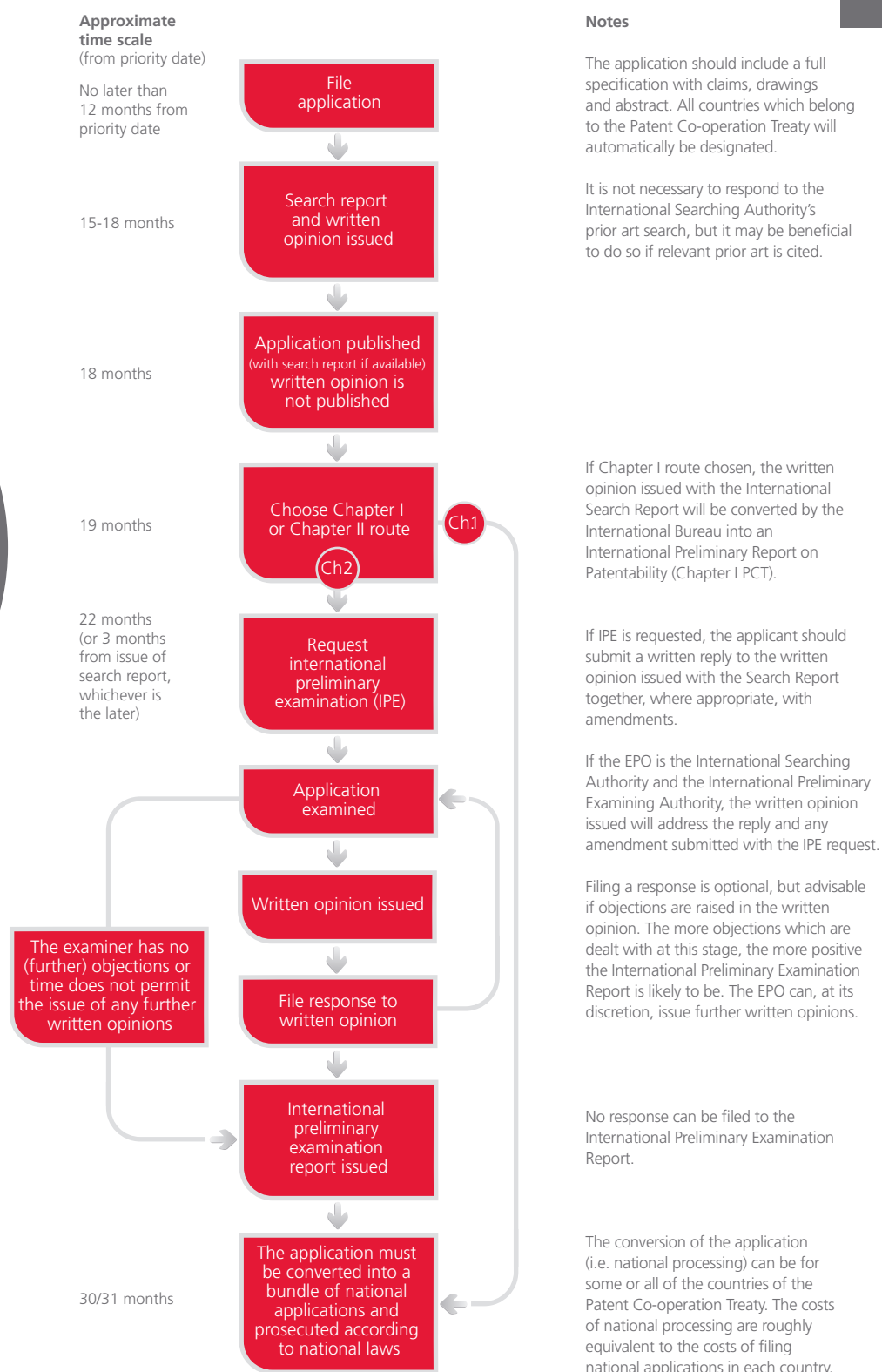
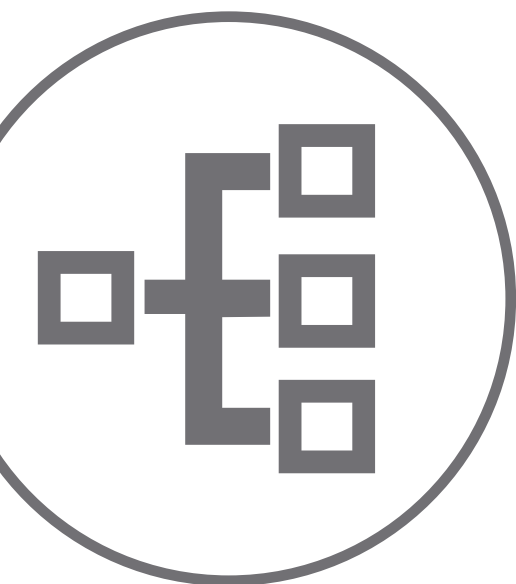
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The prosecution stages of an international (PCT) patent application (claiming priority*)



*This chart is for an application which claims priority from an earlier filed application under the Paris Convention.