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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No.: PTO–P–2018–0066]

Extension of the Cancer Immunotheropy Pilot Program


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On June 29, 2016, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) implemented the Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program, which permits patent applications pertaining to cancer immunotherapy to be advanced out of turn for examination and reviewed earlier (accorded special status). To date, over 300 petitions requesting participation in the pilot program have been filed, and over 100 patents have been granted under the pilot program. In view of the continued interest in the pilot program, the USPTO has extended the pilot program until June 30, 2020. All pilot parameters remain the same as the original pilot.

DATES: Duration: The Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program will continue to run until June 30, 2020. Therefore, petitions to make special under the Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program must be filed on or before June 30, 2020. In addition, any petition to make special under the Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program filed between December 31, 2018, and the publication date of this notice will be considered timely. The USPTO may further extend the pilot program (with or without modifications) or terminate it depending on feedback received.

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[Docket No.: PTO–P–2018–0070]

Expiration of the Extended Missing Parts Pilot Program


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) implemented a pilot program (Extended Missing Parts Pilot Program) in which an applicant, under certain conditions, can request a 12-month time period to pay the search fee, the examination fee, any excess claim fees, and the surcharge (for the late submission of the search fee and the examination fee) in a nonprovisional application. Based on the limited number of grantable requests and the administrative burden on the USPTO in processing improper requests, the USPTO decided not to extend the Extended Missing Parts Pilot Program beyond January 2, 2019.

DATES: The USPTO decided not to extend the Extended Missing Parts Pilot Program beyond January 2, 2019. Therefore, any certification and request to participate in the Extended Missing Parts Pilot Program must have been filed on or before January 2, 2019.

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