



# Spanish Patents and Trademarks Office

## OEPM

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## What is the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (OEPM)?

- An autonomous agency of the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Tourism which promotes and supports technological and economic development, providing legal protection to the different types of industrial property rights by awarding:
  - Patents and Utility Models (inventions)
  - Industrial designs (designs)
  - Trademarks and trade names (distinctive signs)
- It also disseminates information on the various ways in which Industrial Property can be protected.

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## OEPM: International Activity

- The OEPM is member of most important international organisations dealing with industrial property:

- *World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)*



- *European Patent Office (EPO)*



- *Office of Harmonization for the Internal Market (OHIM)*



- *Special targets of the OEPM's international activity are Latin-American countries*
- *Bilateral agreements (PPH) with national patent offices*

## OEPM as PCT International Authority

- The OEPM operates as Patent Search (ISA) Office and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) for patent applications filed in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)
- This enables Spanish-speaking applicants to carry out all international procedures relating to a patent application in Spanish.



## OEPM: Resources and Figures (2012)

- Current staff of the OEPM: 597
- 93% Civil Servants and 7 % Contract personnel

IPR	Applications 2012
National Patents	3219
Utilities Models	2426
PCT	1255
National Trademarks	42737
National Industrial Designs	1576

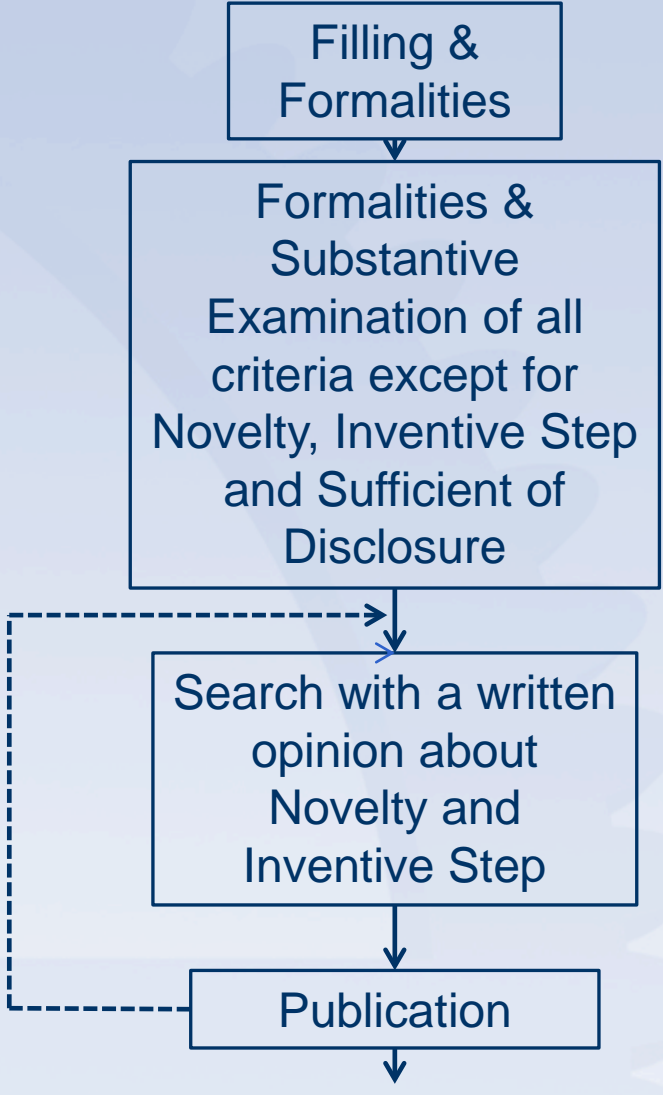
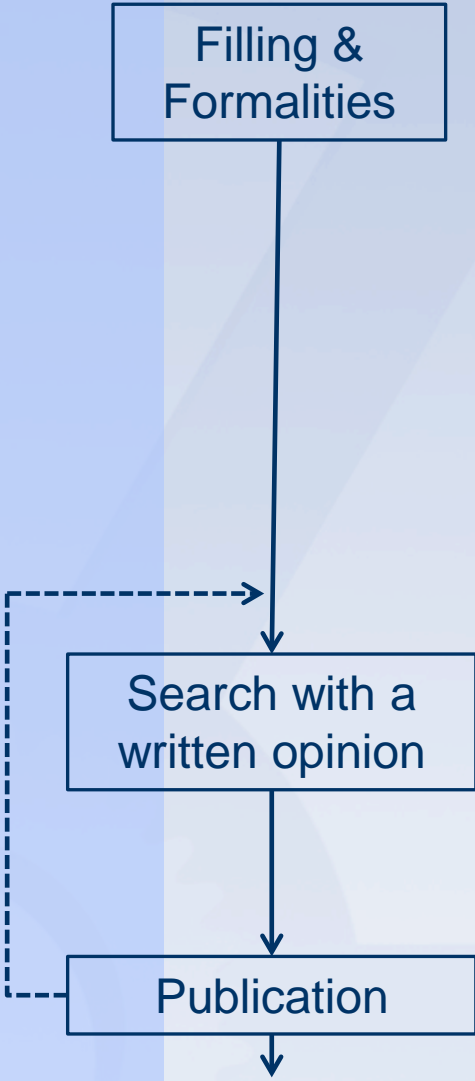




# Computer implemented invention at the OEPM

# EPC Procedure

# LP 11/86 Procedure



Patentable subject-matter in CII.  
Is there a technical problem solved by the application?





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