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Translation of Patent Priority Documents

Further to our prior Newsletters, we inform you that the PTO has now implemented the amendments introduced to the Patent Law by Decree 27/2018 and Law 27.444 by issuing Resolution 250 and Circular 4.

In the latter the PTO has now clarified that, while certified copies of the priority and assignment documents do not need to be submitted within 90 days counted as from the application's filing date and can be lodged at any time or when requested by the Examiner during the examination stage, their Spanish translations must be lodged within 3 months counted as from the application's filing date.

Therefore, in all those patent applications filed after October 1, 2018 we must comply with the furnishing of the Spanish translations of these documents within the given term.

In the case of the applications filed between January 12, 2018 and October 1, 2018 the PTO has indicated that the 3 month term has started on October 1, 2018 and that the corresponding Spanish translations must be submitted before **January 1, 2019**.

We will be sending out individual communications reminding you of the need to comply with this obligation in all applications entrusted to us in which the Spanish translation has not yet been filed.

Should you have any comments, feel free to let us know.

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