

MANUAL FOR THE HANDLING OF APPLICATIONS FOR PATENTS, DESIGNS AND TRADE MARKS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD (THE BROWN BOOK)

Author Guide

[A] Aim of the Publication

Without question, the Manual for the Handling of Applications for Patents, Designs and Trademarks throughout the World is the most comprehensive, authoritative reference for the international industrial property practice. It is published in a loose leaf printed version and an online version. Its exhaustive contents include separate chapters, in alphabetical order, for over 200 countries and several regional industrial property protection systems. The online version includes Smart Charts™, a workflow tool to quickly and easily compare information across multiple jurisdictions.

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