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BPTO redefines expedited examination requests

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IPC H04*

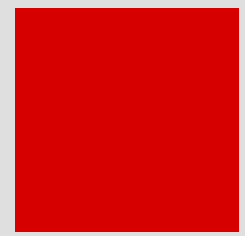
▶ **Revocation of Ordinance No. 16/2025 (Patent Prosecution Highway — PPH):** the act that set out the criteria for receiving applications for phase V of the PPH pilot project will be **revoked as of 01/01/2026**.

▶ **Restriction for applications with International Patent Classification (IPC) in H04 (This classification comprises technologies related to the Internet of Things (IoT), software and telecommunication systems, that may be associated with Standard Essential Patents):** as of 01/01/2026, requests for expedited examination, whether via PPH or any other modality, **will not be accepted for cases classified under H04**.

▶ **Permitted exceptions (remain available even for H04):** Elderly Applicant, Person with disabilities, Person with serious illness, and Startup.

▶ **No forecast of reopening:** BPTO states that there is **no forecast** for resuming expedited examination requests for applications classified under H04.

▶ **Other limits and criteria remain valid:** INPI/PR Ordinance No. 79/2022, which regulates the expedited examination processing of patent applications, and INPI/PR Ordinance No. 48/2024, which sets the cumulative limits of requests under the PPH, **remain fully in force**.



This material, prepared by the Intellectual Property team, is an important resource for reviewing innovation strategies, timelines, and objectives.
