



WIPO Digital Access Service (DAS) for Priority Documents

Dehradun - June 20, 2019
Lucknow - June 24, 2019
Kolkata, June 26, 2019
Bhubaneswar - June 28, 2019

Mr. Allal ALOUI, Head, Technical Cooperation Section,
PCT International Cooperation Division, PCT Legal and International Affairs Department
Patents and Technology Sector
World Intellectual Property Organization

What is DAS?

- **A service offering a simple and safe digital alternative to filing paper copies of priority documents with multiple Offices.**
- Enables an applicant claiming priority to ask Offices of second filing to retrieve a copy of the priority document themselves via the service

WIPO DAS - Motivation

- Paris convention requirements for applicants to furnish copies of priority documents (Article 4)
- Need to provide a mechanism to meet the requirements for “certification” in the digital age
- Security and confidentiality of priority documents must be assured
- Integrity: Offices need to have confidence that a document can be retrieved when needed

DAS Framework Provisions

- Framework revised on July 1, 2012 with the extension to support priority documents for applications of utility models, industrial designs and trademarks
- WIPO DAS system is operational and technically ready for industrial designs and trademarks

WIPO DAS - Solution

- Secure mechanism for uploading documents from an Office of First Filing (OFF)
- Remote document access for OFF that have their own digital libraries
- “Access Code” allows applicant to control which Offices of Second Filing (OSF) have access to a document
- Web interface for applicants
- Secure mechanism for OSF to retrieve documents

Summary of use

- 23 participating Offices
(i.e. http://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html)
- Presently used for exchange of patent priority documents only and mostly used in PCT route
- 8 IP Offices (CA, CL, CN, ES, GE, IN, KR, US) also deposit industrial design priority documents if requested by applicants

Office Implementation

■ As Office of First Filing

- Administrative change in the national filing procedures to record the request to use DAS
- IT change to implement the DAS registration using PCT Electronic Data Interchange Service (PCT-EDI) or manual process by using a secure web portal for Offices with low volumes of exchange

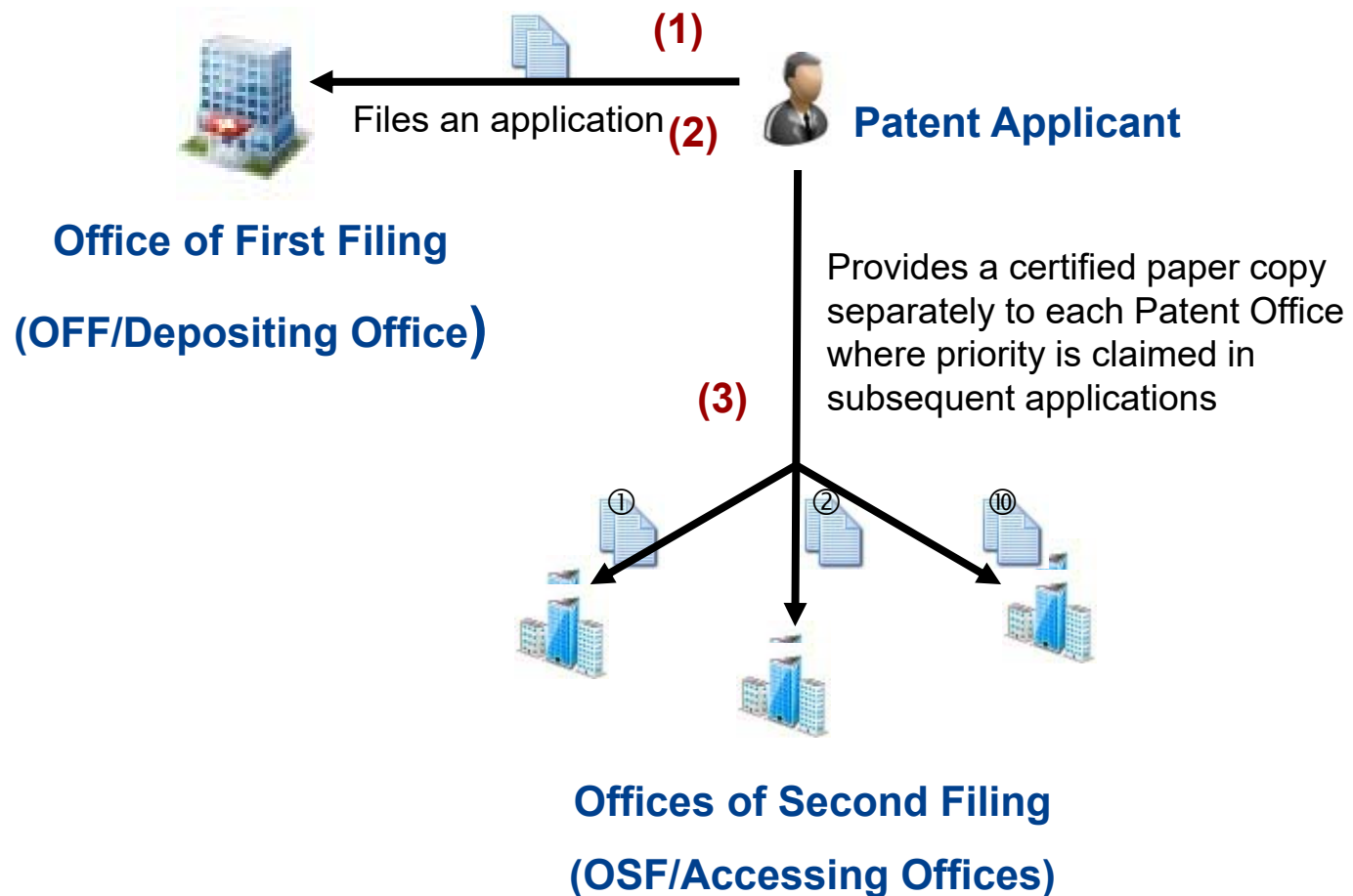
■ As Office of Second Filing

- Administrative change in the national filing procedures to allow the applicant to supply the access code for DAS retrieval
- IT change to Implement the DAS retrieval using PCT-EDI or manual process by using a secure web portal for Offices with low volumes of exchange

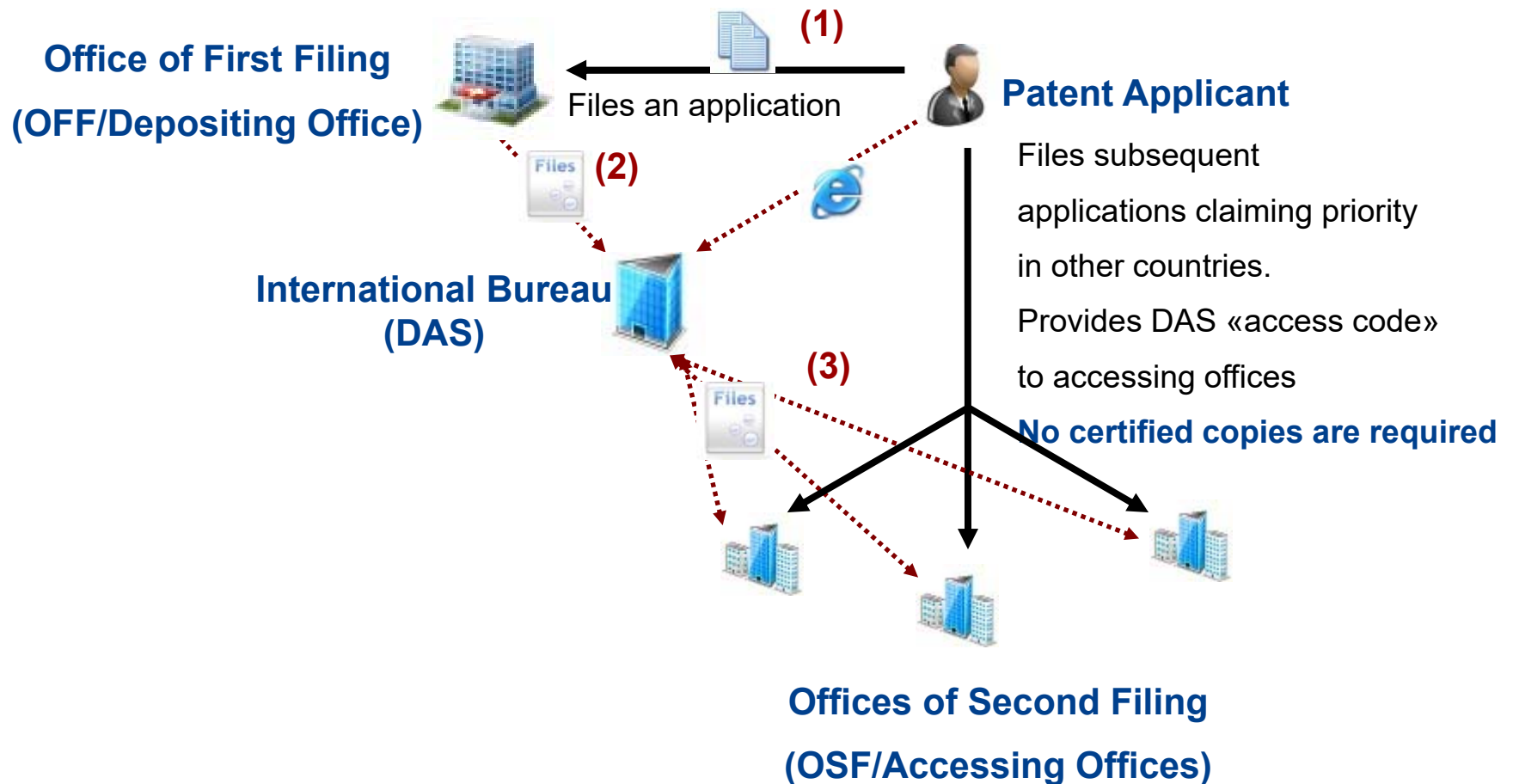
■ Optional participation as OFF only, as OSF only or in both capacities

■ Office's decision to offer the service free of charge or not

Traditional Exchange Route



DAS Secure Exchange under “Access Code” Procedure



Further Information on DAS

- WIPO Digital Access Service (DAS)

- www.wipo.int/das

- List of participating Offices

- http://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

- Getting Support

- PCT eServices Helpdesk pct.eservices@wipo.int or <http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/index.html>

Thank you