



Practice guidelines

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- feedback on proposed practices and upcoming publications,
- supplement the communication that the Ministry of Economic Development has with other parties interested in IP, for example policy consultation, client surveys, one-on-one contact with users of IP services

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This is a collection of Patent Office practice notes that were published between May 1974 and May 1998. Please note that many of these practices have been superseded. This document is intended to be read in conjunction with the Information for Clients Index and Practice Guidelines.

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