

**BELIZE:**

**ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS** made by the Registrar of Intellectual Property in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 69 of the Patents Act, Chapter 253 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000.

- Short title. 1. These Administrative Instructions may be cited as the **PATENTS (ELECTRONIC FILING) ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS, 2005.**
- Application. 2. These Administrative Instructions shall only be applicable to national phase applications under the Patent Cooperation Treaty.
- Electronic filing and signature. 3.(1) In submitting a patent application to the Office, an applicant may use an electronic application form if the information is accessible so as to be usable for subsequent reference.
- (2) An applicant may use an electronic signature to sign the electronic application form.
- (3) In this paragraph, the expression “electronic signature” includes any combination of letters, numbers, spaces or punctuation marks placed between two forward slash (“/”) symbols. Examples of acceptable signatures for electronic application forms include /john doe/, /drl/, and /577-34567/.
- (4) An applicant must notify the Office of his particular method of electronic signature.

**MADE** by the Registrar of Intellectual Property this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2005.

**(ELSON KASEKE)**  
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