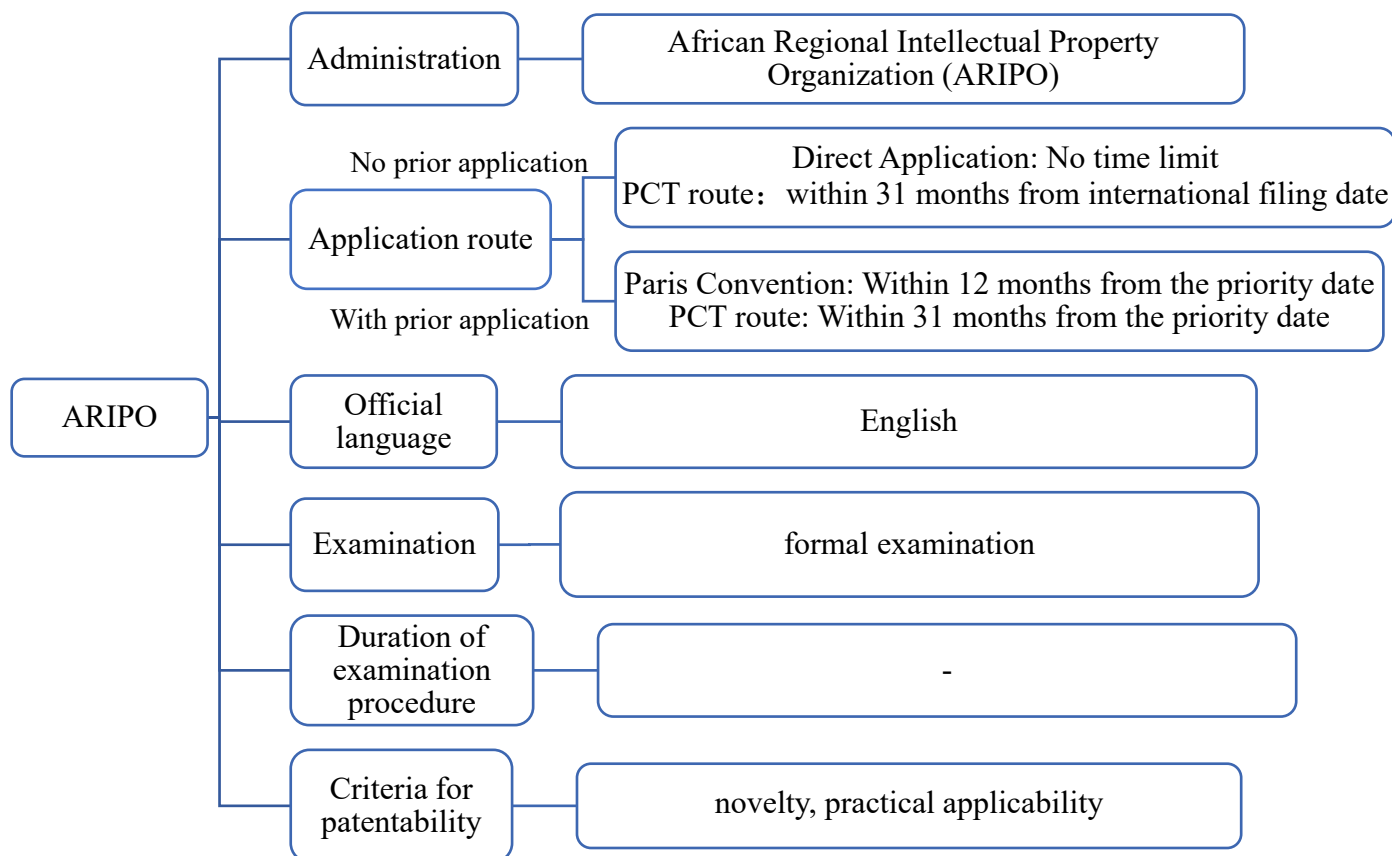


Guidance on Utility Model Application in ARIPO

I. Overview



II. Application Documents Requested

Document set on application

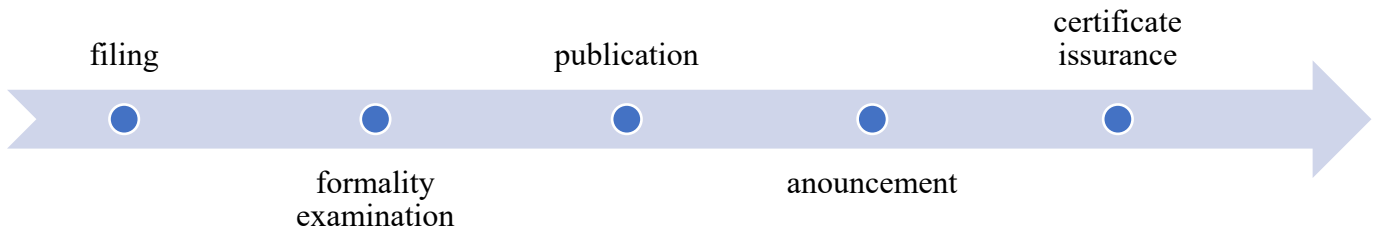
- a completed ARIPO Form 3 (Request form)
- a description of the invention
- one or more claims
- one or more drawings(if any)
- an abstract
- prescribed application fees or a written undertaking to lodge the fees
- designation of at least one state

power of attorney;

priority document if applicable.



III. Application Process



IV. Validity Term

- The term of an ARIPO utility model shall be 10 years from the date of filing of the application, subject to the payment of maintenance fees.

VI. Note

- Similar to Patents and Designs, ARIPO is mandated to register Utility Models patents on behalf of the Harare Protocol Contracting States in accordance with the provisions of the Harare Protocol on Patents, Designs and Utility Models. The Harare Protocol was adopted on December 10, 1982 at Harare, Zimbabwe. The protocol entered into force in 1984.
- An applicant for the registration of Utility Model can fill one application and designate any one of the Harare Protocol Contracting States. The application can be made with any one of the Contracting States or directly with the ARIPO Office.
- The Contracting States are Botswana, Cabo Verde, Kingdom of Eswatini, The Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Kingdom of Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, Seychelles, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

