

Chapter I – Introduction

1. Purpose of Part B

Part B is drafted for and applies to searches and written opinions established by the EPO as ISA or SISA in the context of Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).

2. The examiner

The examiner appointed to carry out the search and establish the written opinion normally works alone; at the discretion of the director, a prospective Examining Division can be appointed. *GL/ISPE 15.08-15.09*

2.1 Consultation with other examiners

Section B-I, 2.1, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO applies *mutatis mutandis*.

2.2 Search Division consisting of more than one examiner

Section B-I, 2.2, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO applies *mutatis mutandis*. *GL/ISPE 15.08*