



Major Jurisdiction-specific rules for Patent Drawings and Illustrations

- **USPTO Rules:** Flow diagrams and other diagrams are regarded as drawings by the USPTO. While finalizing the drawings, the margins and page size must also be taken into account. The most crucial components are the instructions on the illustration itself, such as the requirement that all drawings be line drawings with clear boundaries. There are specifications for how the cross section must be represented. It is also important to consider the drawing's scale and the manner in which the references are used.
- **PCT and European Union Rules:** The PCT rules and the European Union rules for drawings are identical to those of the USPTO regulations when it comes to line drawings and cross-sectional representations, both of which are required by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). The diagram references should be legible and enclosed in parenthesis.
- **IPO Rules:** The provisions of Rule 15 must be followed when preparing drawings for filing a patent in India where explanation by drawings is required to support the invention; however, in the case of a complete specification, if the applicant wishes to include the drawings submitted in its provisional specification as drawings or parts of the drawings for the full specification, it suffices to refer to them in the full specification as those in the provisional specifications.