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The Canadian Government has amended the Canadian Patent Rules effective October 1, 2010.

The most significant change will be to replace the current requirement to complete Canadian patent applications by providing a Declaration establishing the applicant's entitlement to proceed with the Canadian case as of the filing date, by a new Declaration attesting that the applicant is the "legal representative" of the inventor.

For Canadian patent applications filed via the PCT, the applicant will have the option of completing the national phase application by either submitting the new Declaration of Legal Representation, or in the alternative a Declaration of Entitlement under the former practice.

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