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USPTO SHAPING THE FUTURE: GUIDANCE FOR IA-ASSISTED INVENTIONS

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On February 13 of this year, guidance issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) went into effect that aims to provide guidance to examiners and interested parties on how to assess whether the human contribution to an innovation is sufficiently salient to be eligible for a patent, even when AI has also been involved in the process.

The main purpose of this guidance is to weigh patent protection to boost human inventiveness and investment in AI-favored inventions, without idly obstructing innovation for future developments. This balance is achieved by accepting the innovation that comes because of AI, without overlooking the specialness of the human contribution.

PUBLICATION OF DATA RELATED TO THE APPLICATION FOR THE DECLARATION OF PROTECTION OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION "CHICLE MAYA OF QUINTANA ROO AND CAMPECHE"

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On February 15 of this year, the data related to the application for the Declaration of Protection of the Geographical Indication "Chicle Maya de Quintana Roo y Campeche" were published in the Official Gazette of the Federation. The publication does not constitute a pronouncement on whether or not the application is admissible or inadmissible, but is made to allow interested third parties to file written objections and formulate observations or objections.

This process is governed by the Industrial Property Law (in force at the time of filing the application), with a non-extendable term of two months from the date of publication in the Official Gazette of the Federation. The purpose of this protection is to safeguard the authenticity and quality of the "Chicle Maya de Quintana Roo y Campeche" and to allow the participation of the community in the review and approval process.

THREE DECADES OF THE MEXICAN INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY

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On December 10, 1993, the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property (IMPI) was created. Since its inception, IMPI has been the administrative authority in charge of registering and resolving disputes related to distinctive signs and inventions. It also plays a fundamental role in the protection of products made by artisans, small producers and creative people, giving them the opportunity to empower their traditions, culture and economic capacity.

That is why, in recognition of its contributions to the Mexican economy, IMPI was honored on February 15 with a postage stamp issued by the Mexican Postal Service, celebrating its three decades of activity. This gesture highlights the importance of IMPI as a key entity in the protection of intellectual property and its crucial role in the country's economic development.

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