

# JPO's view on US-JP Collaborative Search Pilot Program

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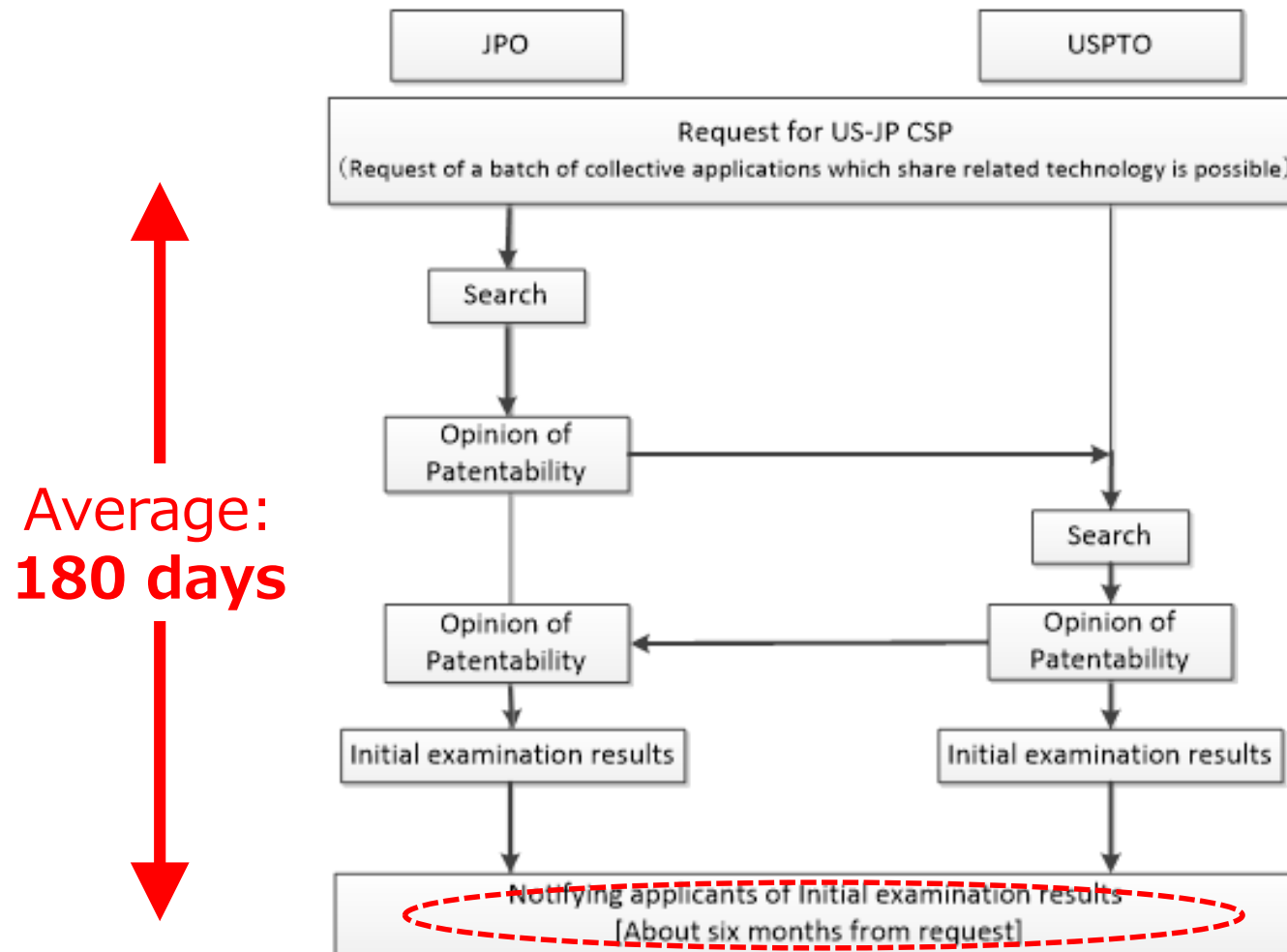
	Number of Petitions Received
Total (*granted petitions)	67 (64)
IPC Section	A:7 / B:3 / C:13 F:2 / G:34 / H:8
With initial examination results sent to applicants	50

\*Based on the number of applications to JPO

- Applicants can acquire
- (1) **earlier,**
  - (2) **contemporaneous,**
  - (3) **stronger and more stable** patent rights.

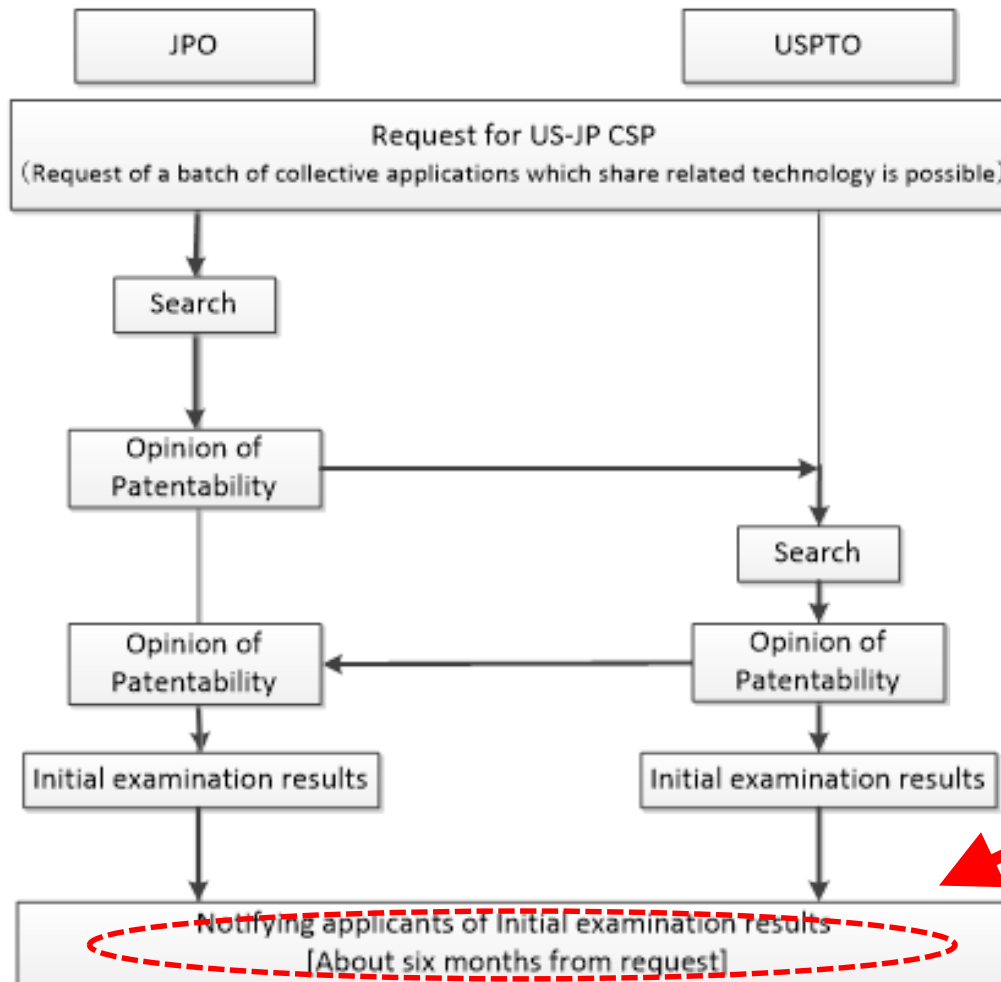
# (1) Analysis -Earliness

- Average pendency before sending initial examination results to applicants (from the CSP request) is almost 6 months.



## (2) Analysis -Contemporaneousness

- Average of time lag between JPO and USPTO on notifying initial examination results to applicants is less than 4 weeks.



Average of  
time lag:  
**25 days**

### (3) Analysis - More Stable Rights

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35 U.S.C. §103 based on §102(a)(2) prior art

Different interpretation of functional claims  
"Means Plus Function Claims"

Different documents cited **15**



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