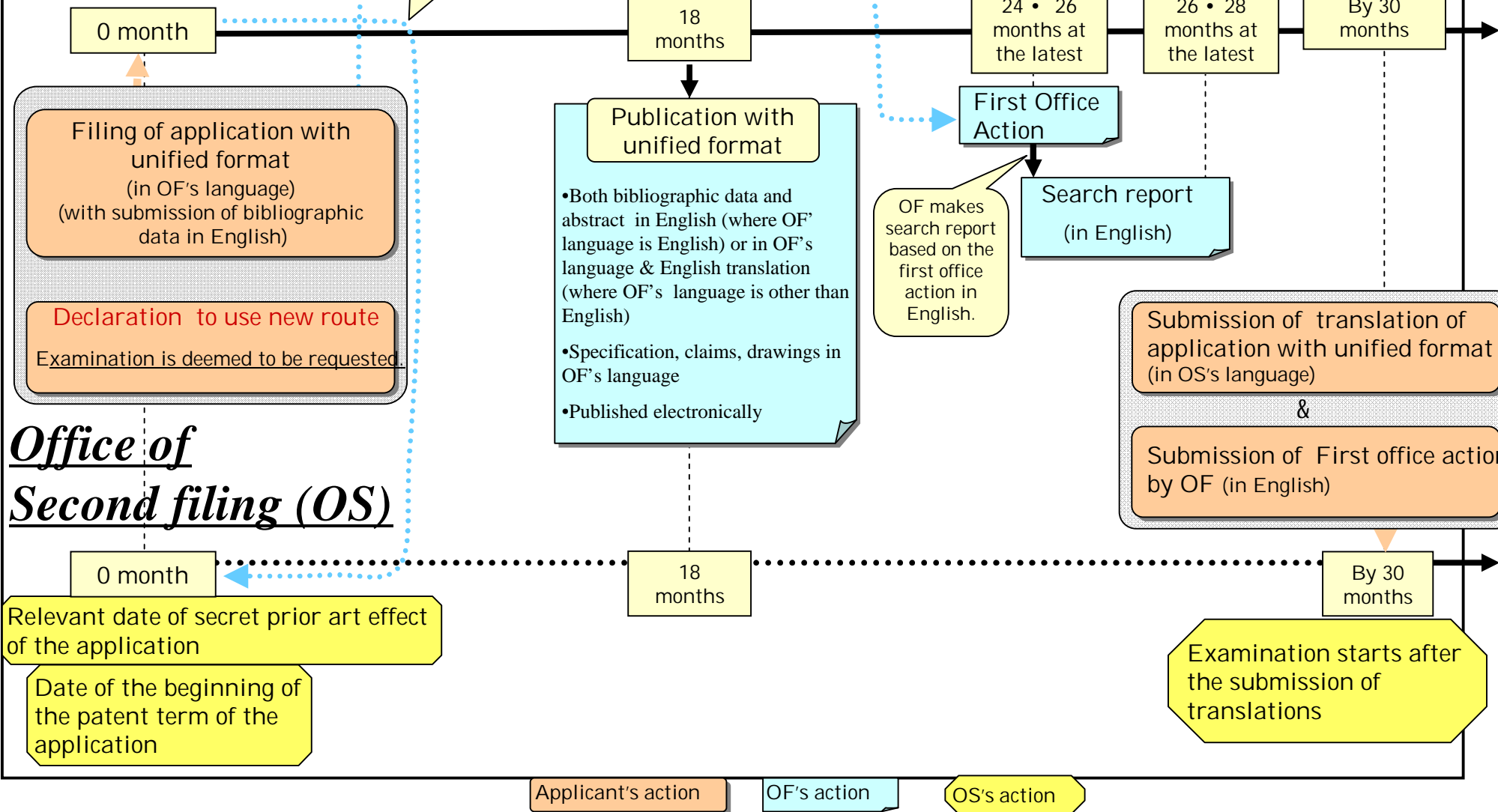


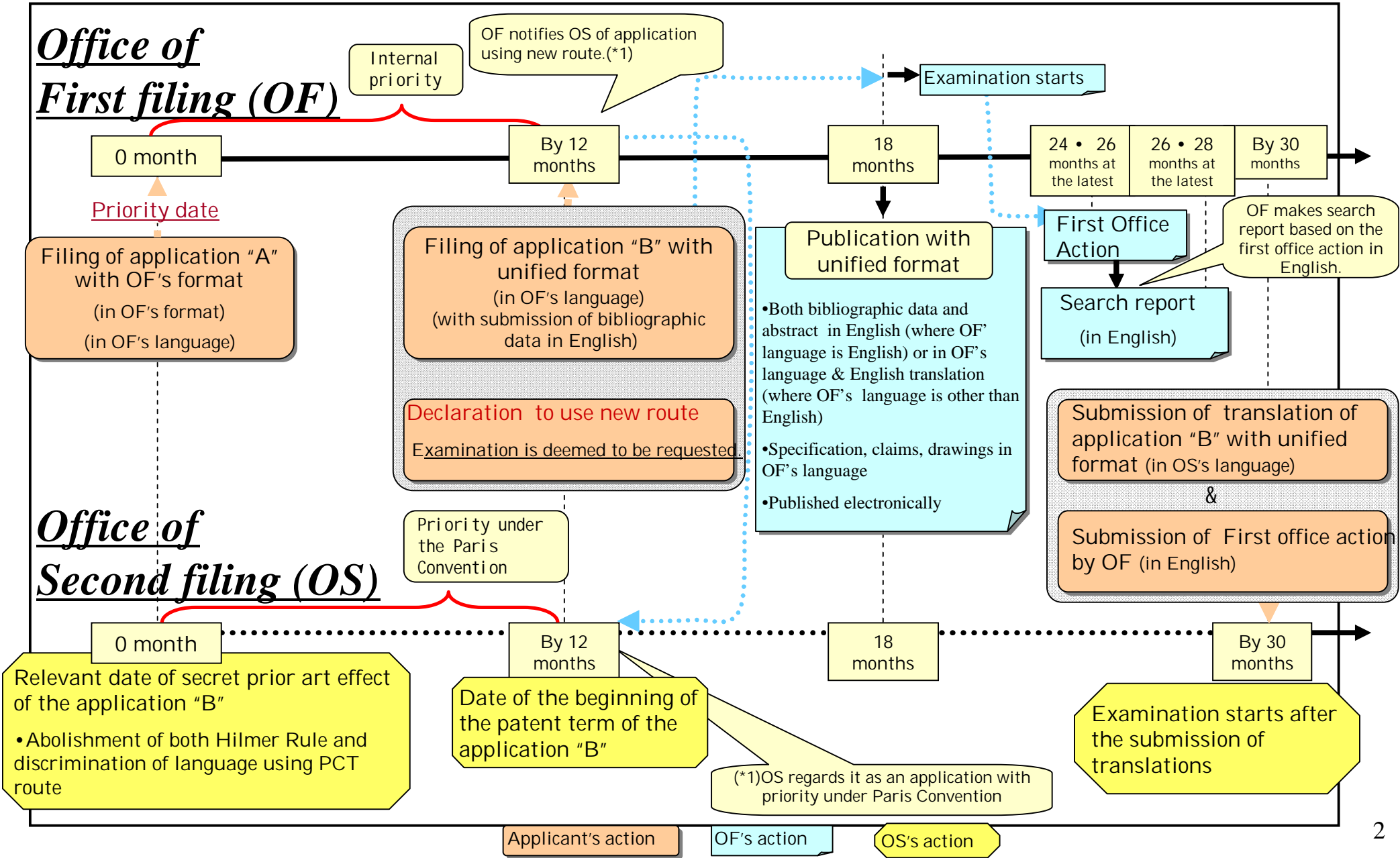
New Route Proposal

Office of First filing (OF)

OF notifies OS of application using new route.(*1)



New Route Proposal (With Claiming Priority)



Comparison of characteristics among 3 routes

	Use		Advantages	Disadvantages
Paris Route	•For filing in few countries	Applicant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The cost is lower than the PCT Route when an applicant obtains patents in few countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •An applicant needs to make translations in different formats within 12 months from the priority date.
		Patent Office		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •A search and examination result of the OF is often unavailable to the OS.
PCT	•For filing in many countries	Applicant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An applicant can use the expanded time limit (30 months from the priority date) and a search and examination result of the OF to determine whether to continue the application procedure and to submit a translation to the OS. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •It is rather expensive when an applicant obtains patents in few countries.
		Patent Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •A search and examination result of the OF is always available to the OS. It contributes to high quality and expedited examination. 	
New Route	For filing in few countries	Applicant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The cost is lower than PCT route when an applicant files to limited number of countries which participate in the agreement. •Procedure is simple. • An applicant can use the expanded time limit (30 months from the priority date) and a search and examination result of the OF to determine whether to continue the application procedure and to submit a translation to the OS. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •An applicant can file only with the Offices of the limited number of countries which participate in the agreement.
		Patent Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •A search and examination result of the OF is always available to the OS. It contributes to high quality and expedited examination. 	