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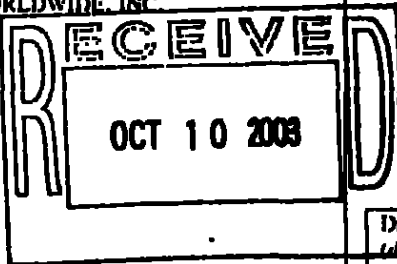
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PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
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IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

International application No.

PCT/US02/18264 ✓

International filing date (day/month/year)

05 June 2002 (05.06.2002) ✓

Priority date (day/month/year)

08 June 2001 (08.06.2001) ✓

Applicant

KIMBERLY-CLARK WORLDWIDE, INC.

1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication in all the elected Offices.
3. Where required by any of the elected Offices, the International Bureau will prepare an English translation of the report (but not of any annexes) and will transmit such translation to those Offices.
4. REMINDER

The applicant must enter the national phase before each elected Office by performing certain acts (filing translations and paying national fees) within 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices)(Article 39(1))(see also the reminder sent by the International Bureau with Form PCT/IB/301).

Where a translation of the international application must be furnished to an elected Office, that translation must contain a translation of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report. It is the applicant's responsibility to prepare and furnish such translation directly to each elected Office concerned.

For further details on the applicable time limits and requirements of the elected Offices, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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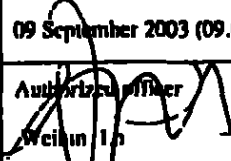
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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC IPC(7): A61F 13/15, 13/20 and US Cl.: 604/385.17, 385.04		
Applicant KIMBERLY-CLARK WORLDWIDE, INC.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:
 - ☒ Basis of the report
 - ☐ Priority
 - ☐ Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
 - ☐ Lack of unity of invention
 - ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
 - ☐ Certain documents cited
 - ☐ Certain defects in the international application
 - ☐ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 17 December 2002 (17.12.2002)	Date of completion of this report 09 September 2003 (09.09.2003)
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International application No.

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☒ the international application as originally filed.
- ☒ the description:
pages 1-23 _____ as originally filed
pages NONE _____, filed with the demand
pages NONE _____, filed with the letter of _____.
- ☒ the claims:
pages 24-26 _____, as originally filed
pages NONE _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
pages NONE _____, filed with the demand
pages NONE _____, filed with the letter of _____.
- ☒ the drawings
pages 1-25 _____, as originally filed
pages NONE _____, filed with the demand
pages NONE _____, filed with the letter of _____.
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
pages NONE _____, as originally filed
pages NONE _____, filed with the demand
pages NONE _____, filed with the letter of _____.

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(h)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in printed form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages NONE
- ☐ the claims, Nos. NONE
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig NONE

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(n)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. STATEMENT

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>7,9,13,20,22 and 26</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-6,8,10-12,14-19,21 and 23-25</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-26</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-26</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Claims 1-6,8,10-12,14-19,21 and 23-25 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Osborn, III (US 6,007,528).

With reference to claims 1,4,11,14,17 and 24, Osborn, III (hereinafter "Osborn") discloses an absorbent article comprising a fluid permeable cover (28), a liquid impermeable baffle (30), and an absorbent (32) situated between the cover and the baffle, the absorbent article being configured for disposition within the vestibule of a female wearer (col. 3, lines 54 - 56), the absorbent article further having a principal longitudinal axis, a principal transverse axis, a body-facing surface, a surface opposed to the body-facing surface, a length, a width, a thickness, first and second spaced apart longitudinal sides and at least one tab extending outward from at least one longitudinal side (64) as set forth in figure 4.

As to claims 2 and 15, Osborn discloses an absorbent article wherein the tab has sufficient dimensions as set forth in figure 4.

With reference to claims 3,5,16 and 18, Osborn discloses an absorbent article wherein the tab comprises a fluid permeable material that extends outward from at least one of the longitudinal sides to form the tab as set forth in col. 11, lines 50 - 55.

With reference to claims 10,12,23 and 25 Osborn discloses an absorbent article wherein the tab comprises a fluid impermeable material that extends outward from at least one of the longitudinal sides to form the tab as set forth in col. 11, lines 50 - 55.

Regarding claims 6,8,19 and 21, Osborn discloses an absorbent article wherein the tab comprises an absorbent material that extends outward from at least one of the longitudinal sides to form a tab as set forth in col. 11, lines 56 - 65 through the incorporation of Van Tilburg (US 4,589,876).

Van Tilburg teaches an absorbent article wherein the tab comprises an absorbent material (30) as set forth in col. 5, lines 25 - 32 and figure 2.

Claims 7,9,13,20,22 and 26 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Osborn, III (US 6,007,528).

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Supplemental Box
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The difference between Oshorn and claims 7,9,13,20,22 and 26 is the provision that the absorbent material further comprises a superabsorbent.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the absorbent material of Oshorn to comprise a superabsorbent because it is well known in the art that the benefit of using a superabsorbent versus an absorbent is that the superabsorbent material is a water-insoluble but water-swellaible polymeric substance capable of absorbing water in an amount at least ten times the weight of the substance in its dry form thereby reducing the bulk of the article and further preventing leakage.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----

US 6,007,528 A (OSKORN, III) 28 DECEMBER 1999, see col. 3, line 54 to col. 11, line 65.
US 4,589,876 A (VAN TILBURG) 20 MAY 1986, see figure 2.

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COMUNICACIÓN IMPORTANTE

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PCT/US02/18264

Fecha Internacional de Presentación
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05 DE Junio DE 2002 (05.06.2002)

Fecha de Prioridad (día/mes/año)

08 de Junio de 2001 (08.06.2001)

Solicitante

KIMBERLY-CLARK WORLDWIDE, INC.

1. Se comunica al solicitante que la oficina encargada del examen preliminar internacional le envía con el presente el informe de examen preliminar internacional, elaborado para la solicitud internacional, en caso dado con los anexos correspondientes.
2. Una copia del informe, en caso dado con los anexos correspondientes, se hace llegar a la Oficina Internacional para su envío posterior a todas las oficinas seleccionadas.
3. A solicitud de una oficina seleccionada, la Oficina Internacional preparará una traducción del informe (pero no de los anexos) al inglés y la remitirá a esta oficina.

4. RECORDATORIO

Para ingresar en la fase nacional el solicitante, dentro de los 30 meses a partir de la fecha de prioridad (o en algunas oficinas incluso después), tiene que realizar ante cada oficina seleccionada ciertos actos (entrega de traducciones y desembolso de honorarios nacionales) (Artículo 39 (1)) (véase también la información remitida por la Oficina Internacional en el Formulario PCT/IB/301).

Si se tiene que enviar a una oficina seleccionada una traducción de la solicitud internacional, entonces esta traducción tiene que incluir traducciones de todos los anexos al informe de examen preliminar internacional. Es obligación del solicitante elaborar dichas traducciones y hacerlas llegar directamente a las oficinas seleccionadas respectivas.

Mayores detalles en cuanto a los plazos normativos y los requisitos de las oficinas seleccionadas se desprenden del Volumen II de la guía PCT para solicitantes.

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INFORME DE EXAMEN PRELIMINAR INTERNACIONAL
(Artículo 36 y Regla 70 PCT)

No. de Expediente del Solicitante o Apoderado 17692.10	PROCEDIMIENTO POSTERIOR Véase comunicación sobre el envío del informe de examen preliminar internacional (Formulario PCT/IPEA/416)	
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Clasificación Internacional de Patente (IPC) o Clasificación Nacional e IPC IPC(7): A F 13/15, 13/20, y US Cl.: 804/385.17, 385.04		
Solicitante KIMBERLY-CLARK WORLDWIDE, INC		

1. Este informe de examen preliminar internacional fue elaborado por la Oficina Encargada del Examen Preliminar Internacional y se envía al solicitante según Artículo 36.

2. Este INFORME comprende un total de 4 hojas, inclusive esta portada

☐ Además se adjuntan ANEXOS al informe; en este caso se trata de hojas con descripciones, reivindicaciones y/o dibujos, que se modificaron y que sirven de base a este informe, y/o hojas con correcciones efectuadas por esta oficina (véase Regla 70.16 y Sección 807 de las instrucciones administrativas al PCT).

Estos anexos comprenden en total de 0 hojas.

3. Este informe contiene datos con respecto a los siguientes puntos:

I ☒ Base del Informe

II ☐ Prioridad

III ☐ Sin elaboración de un dictamen sobre novedad, actividad inventiva y posibilidad de aplicación industrial

IV ☐ Uniformidad deficiente de la invención

V ☒ Declaración justificada según Artículo 35(2) con respecto a la novedad, la actividad inventiva y la posibilidad de aplicación industrial; documentos y explicaciones que sustentan esta declaración

VI ☐ Ciertos documentos enumerados

VII ☐ Ciertas deficiencias del registro internacional

VIII ☐ Ciertas observaciones relacionadas con la solicitud internacional

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INFORME DEL EXAMEN PRELIMINAR INTERNACIONAL

Solicitud Internacional No.
PCT/US01/45521

I. Base para este reporte.

1. Respecto a los elementos de la solicitud internacional:*

- ☒ la solicitud internacional como se entregó originalmente
- ☒ la descripción:
 - páginas 1-23 _____ como se entregaron originalmente
 - páginas NINGUNA _____ como se entregaron con la demanda
 - páginas NINGUNA _____ como se entregaron con la carta de _____
- ☒ las reivindicaciones:
 - páginas 24-26 _____ como se entregaron originalmente
 - páginas NINGUNA _____ como se corrigieron (junto con cualquier declaración) bajo el Artículo 19
 - páginas NINGUNA _____ como se entregaron con la demanda
 - páginas NINGUNA _____ como se entregaron con la carta de _____
- ☒ los dibujos
 - páginas 1-25 _____ como se entregaron originalmente
 - páginas NINGUNA _____ como se entregaron con la demanda
 - páginas NINGUNA _____ como se entregaron con la carta de _____
- ☐ la lista de la descripción
 - páginas NINGUNA _____ como se entregaron originalmente
 - páginas NINGUNA _____ como se entregaron con la demanda
 - páginas NINGUNA _____ como se entregaron con la carta de _____

2. Respecto al idioma, todos los elementos anteriormente marcados estaban disponibles o fueron suministrados a esta oficina en el idioma en el que se entregó la solicitud internacional, a menos que se diga lo contrario en este punto. Estos elementos estaban disponibles o fueron entregados a esta oficina en el siguiente idioma _____ los cuales son

- ☐ El idioma de la traducción entregada para propósitos de la búsqueda internacional (Regla 23.1 (b)).
- ☐ El idioma de publicación de la solicitud internacional (bajo la Regla 48.3 (b)).
- ☐ El idioma de la traducción entregada para propósitos del examen preliminar internacional (bajo las Reglas 55.2 y/o 55.3)

3. respecto a cualquier secuencia de nucleótido y/o aminoácidos divulgados en esta solicitud internacional, el examen preliminar internacional se realizó sobre la base de la secuencia:

- ☐ contenida en la solicitud en forma impresa
- ☐ entregada junto con la solicitud internacional en una forma legible en un computador
- ☐ suministrada subsiguientemente a esta oficina de forma escrita
- ☐ suministrada subsiguientemente a esta oficina en forma legible en un computador
- ☐ la declaración que la secuencia escrita suministrada no va más allá de lo divulgado en la solicitud internacional como se entregó ha sido suministrada
- ☐ La declaración que la información registrada en la forma legible a computador es idéntica a la secuencia escrita ha sido suministrada.

4. ☐ Las correcciones han resultado en la cancelación de:

- ☐ la descripción, páginas NINGUNA
- ☐ las reivindicaciones, Nos. NINGUNA
- ☐ los dibujos, hojas/figuras NINGUNA

5 ☐ Este informe ha sido admitido como si (algunas de) las enmendaduras no hubieran sido hechas, ya que se considera que estas van más allá de la divulgación preliminar, como se indica el Apartado Suplementario (Regla 70.2 (c)). **

* Las hojas de reemplazo que han sido suministradas a la Oficina receptora en respuesta a una invitación bajo el Artículo 14 se mencionan en este informe como "entregadas originalmente" y no se anexan a este informe ya que no contienen enmendaduras (Reglas 70.16 y 70.17)

** Cualquier hoja de reemplazo que contiene tales enmiendas debe mencionarse bajo el asunto 1 de este informe.

V. Declaración concluyente de acuerdo a la Regla 66.2 (a)(II) con relación a la novedad, el nivel inventivo o la aplicabilidad industrial; citas y explicaciones que soportan tal declaración

1. DECLARACIÓN

Novedad (N)	Reivindicaciones 7, 9, 13, 20, 22 y 26	Si
	Reivindicaciones 1-6, 8, 10-12, 14-19, 21 y 23-25	No
Nivel Inventivo (IS)	Reivindicaciones NINGUNA	Si
	Reivindicaciones 1-26	No
Aplicabilidad Industrial (IA)	Reivindicaciones 1-26	Si
	Reivindicaciones NINGUNA	No

2. CITAS Y EXPLICACIONES

Las reivindicaciones 1-6,8,10-12, 14-19, 21 y 23-25 carecen de novedad bajo el Artículo 33(2) del PCT como es anticipado por Osborn, III (US 6,007,528).

Con referencia a las reivindicaciones 1, 4, 11, 14, 17 y 24, Osborn, III (más adelante "Osborn") divulga un artículo absorbente que comprende una cubierta permeable al fluido (28), un deflector impermeable a líquidos (30), y un absorbente (32) situado entre la cubierta y el deflector, el artículo absorbente estando configurado para disponerse dentro del vestíbulo de un usuario femenino (col. 3, líneas 54 – 56), el artículo absorbente adicionalmente tiene un eje longitudinal principal, un eje transversal principal, una superficie orientada al cuerpo, una superficie opuesta a la superficie orientada al cuerpo, una longitud, un ancho, un grosor, primer y segundo lados longitudinales espaciados y al menos una lengüeta que se extiende hacia fuera desde al menos un lado longitudinal (64) como se muestra en la figura 4.

En cuanto a las reivindicaciones 2 y 15, Osborn divulga un artículo absorbente donde la lengüeta tiene las dimensiones suficientes como las mostradas en la figura 4.

En referencia a las reivindicaciones 3, 5, 16 y 18, Osborn divulga un artículo en donde la lengüeta comprende un material permeable al fluido que se extiende hacia fuera de al menos uno de los lados longitudinales para formar una lengüeta como se dice en la col. 11, líneas 50-55.

En referencia a las reivindicaciones 10, 12, 23 y 25, Osborn divulga un artículo absorbente en donde la lengüeta comprende un material impermeable al fluido que se extiende hacia fuera de al menos uno de los lados longitudinales para formar una lengüeta como se dice en la col. 11, líneas 50 – 55.

En lo que respecta a las reivindicaciones 6, 8, 19 y 21, Osborn divulga un artículo absorbente en donde la lengüeta comprende un material absorbente que se extiende hacia fuera de al menos uno de los lados longitudinales para formar una lengüeta como se dice en la col. 11, líneas 56 – 65 por la incorporación de Van Tilburg (US 4,589,876).

Van Tilburg enseña un artículo absorbente de donde la lengüeta comprende un material absorbente (30) como se dice en la col. 5, líneas 25 – 32 y en la figura 2.

Las reivindicaciones 7, 9, 13, 20, 22 y 26 carecen de nivel inventivo bajo el Artículo 33(3) como es obvio por Osborn, III (US 6,007,528)

Por favor ver Hoja de Continuación

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Casilla Suplementaria

(A ser usado cuando el espacio en la casilla precedente no sea suficiente)

La diferencia entre Osborn y las reivindicaciones 7, 9, 13, 20, 22 y 26 es la estipulación de que el material absorbente adicionalmente comprende un superabsorbente.

Habría sido obvio para alguien con habilidad ordinaria en el arte modificar el material absorbente de Osborn para comprender un superabsorbente porque es bien sabido en el arte que el beneficio de usar un superabsorbente contra un absorbente es que el material superabsorbente es una sustancia polimérica insoluble en agua pero que se infla con el agua capaz de absorber agua en una cantidad al menos diez veces el peso de la sustancia cuando está en su forma seca reduciendo así el volumen del artículo y adicionalmente previniendo los escapes.

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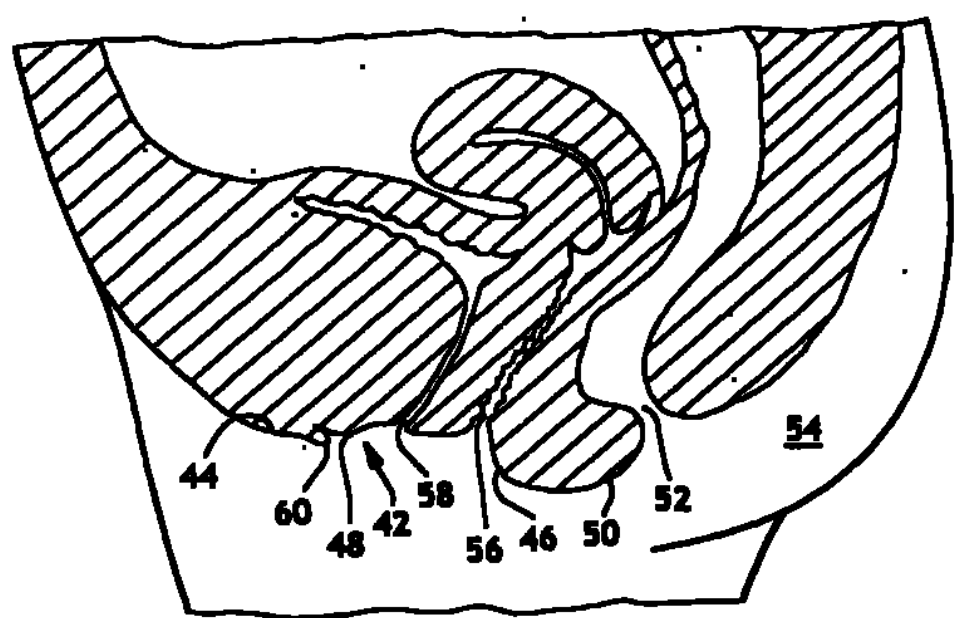


FIG. 1

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XREIVINDICACIONES

1. Un artículo absorbente que comprende un absorbente, el artículo absorbente está configurado para colocarse dentro del vestíbulo de una usuaria hembra, el artículo absorbente además tiene un eje longitudinal principal, un eje transversal principal, una superficie de cara al cuerpo, una superficie opuesta a la superficie de cara al cuerpo, una longitud, un ancho, un grosor, los lados longitudinales espaciados y separados primero y segundo y por lo menos un apéndice que se extiende hacia fuera desde por lo menos un lado longitudinal.

2. El artículo absorbente tal y como se reivindica en la cláusula 1, caracterizado porque el apéndice tiene dimensiones suficientes para permitir a una usuaria el agarrar el apéndice y mantener el control del artículo absorbente durante la colocación dentro del vestíbulo.

3. El artículo absorbente tal y como se reivindica en la cláusula 1, caracterizado porque el apéndice comprende un material permeable al fluido.

4. El artículo absorbente tal y como se reivindica en la cláusula 1, caracterizado porque el absorbente además comprende una cubierta permeable al fluido.

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En cumplimiento de lo dispuesto por el artículo 39 de la Decisión 486, se le requiere para que dentro del término de dos meses siguientes a la fecha de notificación del presente oficio, complete los requisitos anteriormente enunciados. En caso de no dar cumplimiento al presente requerimiento, la solicitud se considerará abandonada y perderá su prelación.

Notifíquese el presente oficio conforme a lo dispuesto en el numeral 5.2, literal e), del capítulo quinto del título primero de la Circular Única N° 10 de 2001.


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