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There are a few forms that apparently cannot be submitted via EFS. For instance, the EBC advises that PTO-2248 (association of PCT application with a customer number) cannot be submitted via EFS. Today, it is possible to submit this and other such forms via facsimile. Applicants should continue to be able to submit such forms via facsimile rather than having to submit them by mail. Proposed Rule 1.6 would not seem to allow for continued submission of such forms by facsimile.

If the PTO eliminates the possibility of facsimile transmission of these types of forms, the PTO will get these forms by mail, and will have to scan them for inclusion in the EFW. It would seem easier for all concerned to continue to allow for facsimile submission of such forms.

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