

BOVARD & CIE.

PATENT ATTORNEYS

OPTINGENSTRASSE 16, CH-3000 BERNE 25 - TEL. NO.: (031) 42 27 11 - CABLE ADDRESS: INVENTIONS BERNE - TELEX 32684 BOVAR CH

F. A. BOVARD
M. EL. E. LL. M., PAT. ATT. ASPA

Technical Staff
J. EOLI, M. Mech. E.
S. TORDICH, M. Sc.
J. BRÜLL, M. S. Ch. E., D. Sc. Tech.
D. ROCHAT, M. Mech. E.
T. SCHIFF, M. El. E.
R. BRUNNER, M. S. Ch. E., D. Sc. Tech.
H. SCHWEIZER, B. El. E.
W. SCHOCH, B. Ch. Text. E.
J. DUBOIS, B. El. E.
M. VELGO, M. Mech. E.

Messrs. Watson, Leavenworth,
Kelton & Taggart
100 Park Avenue

New York 10017 / USA

Commercial Staff
and Trade Marks K. GRÜNING

Order Ref. WS/fr/56.216

File Ref. File 582-736 Switz 2000 Berne 25

RECEIVED
November 23, 1973

W.L.K. & T.

NOV 26 1973

FILE 582-736 Switz

Re. Swiss Patent Application 12,769/71
Philip Morris Incorporated

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith we send you two copies of the first official letter referring to the above-identified application, to which answer is due

April 20, 1974.

This term may be extended once for one month.

Referring to the original US text the Examiner-in-chief points out the following:

1. The definition of claim 17 (main claim II) is un-understandable. In case it is not preferred to simply direct said claim to "A product obtained by the process according to claim I" the product must be defined by features recognizable on the product itself. We recommend to amend said claim II as indicated between asteriks.

2. The statements as contained in the first part of the second paragraph on page 8 must be brought into accordance with the definition given in claim I which is directed to heating and nothing else. Any other treating steps must thus be introduced in the description as optional embodiments by way of example.

Without other instructions from your side by March 31, 1974 we shall introduce the necessary amendments which will not affect the scope of patent protection, and refile the application.

DUE DATE.....4/20/74.....

EXPIRES.....11/26/73.....

BY.....gh.....

NOTED.....

All transactions conducted in accordance with ASPA regulations

Very truly yours,
BOVARD & CIE.

Schoch

W. Schoch

Encl.

2026514690