PATENT REGISTRATION PROCES

Convention Application (1 year)

Filing of Convention or Non-Convention Application

PCT Route (30 /31 months)

Filing of National Phase Entry of PCT International Application with Request for Substantive Examination

Preliminary (Formality) Examination

Search

18 months

Confidentiality before Publication

Publication (Laying-Open) of Unexamined Application

Request for Substantive Examination (within 6 months from the date of publication)

Request for Substantive Examination (6 months, if not made at the time of entry)

Substantive Examination

Amendment of Application

Applicant is Notified of Reasons for Rejection

Response must be filed 2 months from mailing date of Office Action. 2 extensions of 2 months each is allowed.

Opinion and/or Amendment

Decision to Grant Patent

Final Rejection of Examiner

Publication of Patent in the IPO Gazette

Appeal to the Director of Patents

Final Rejection of Examiner

Issuance of Patent Certificate

Appeal to the Director General

Final Rejection

Appeal to the Court of Appeals

Final Rejection

Appeal to the Supreme Court

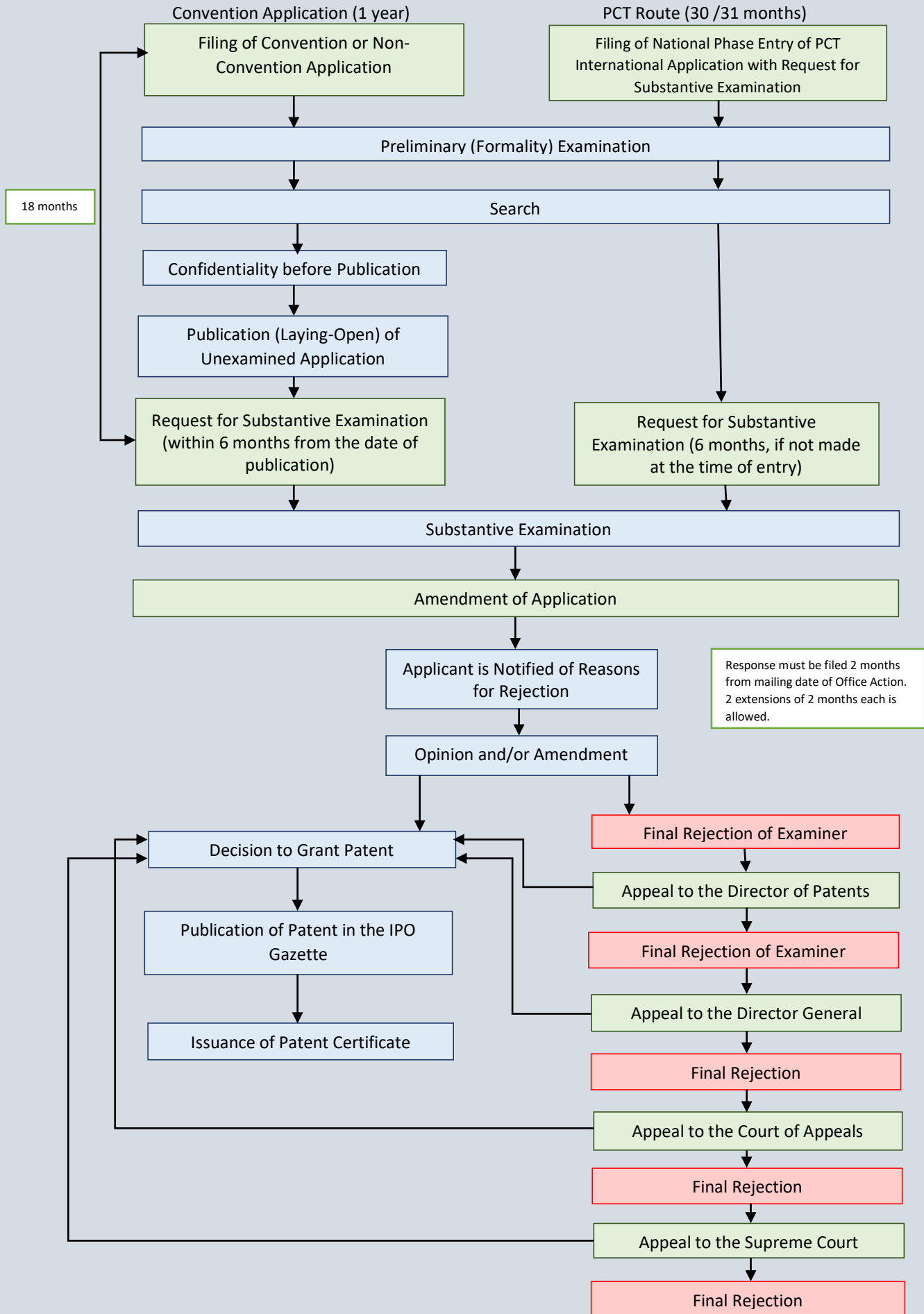Final Rejection

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