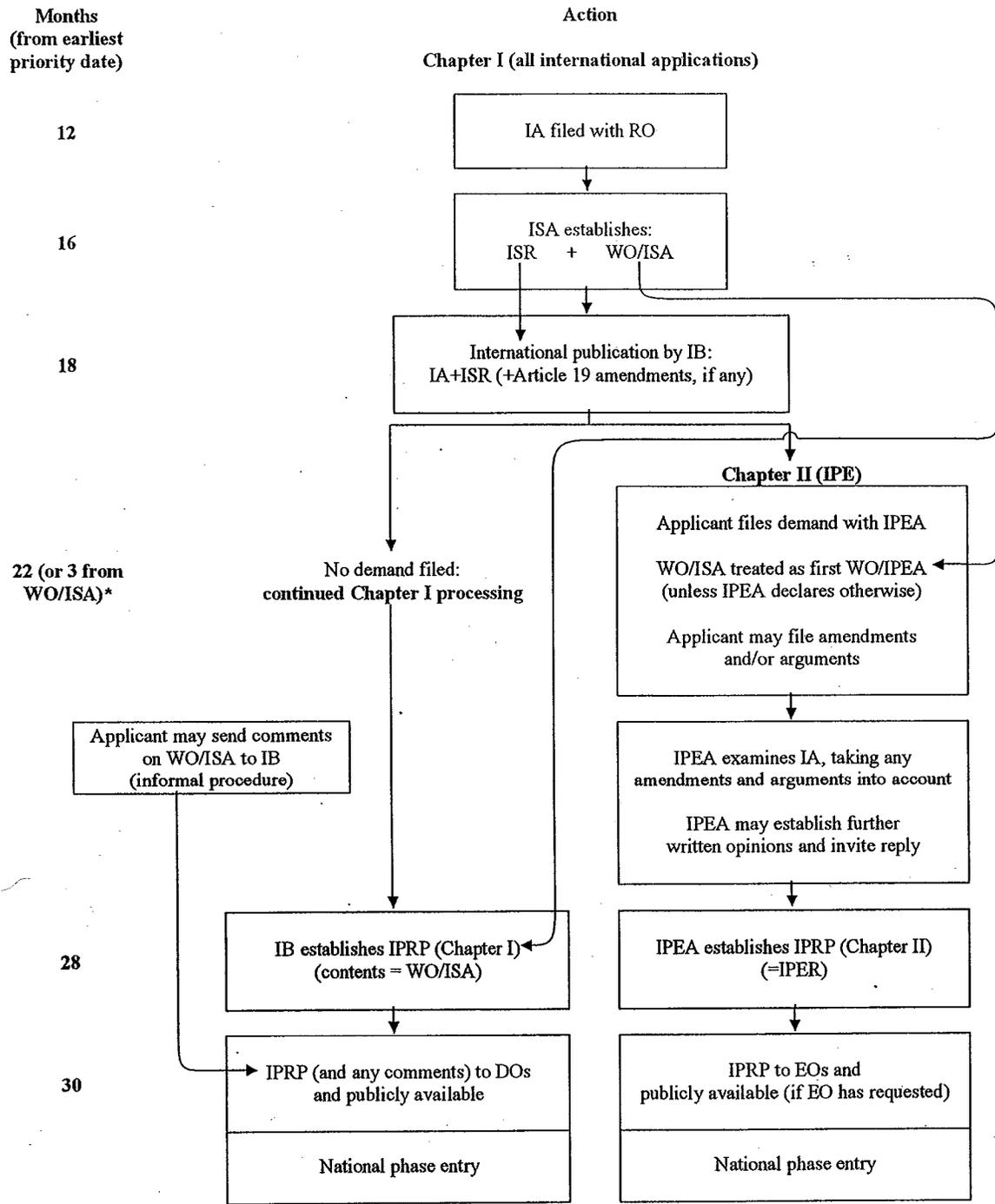


**Flowchart of Typical International Application Processing**



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|------|---|---------|---|
| RO   | receiving Office                              | IA      | international application                         |
| IB   | International Bureau                          | ISR     | international search report                       |
| ISA  | International Searching Authority             | WO/ISA  | written opinion of the ISA                        |
| IPEA | International Preliminary Examining Authority | WO/IPEA | written opinion of the IPEA                       |
| DO   | designated Office                             | IPE     | international preliminary examination             |
| EO   | elected Office                                | IPRP    | international preliminary report on patentability |
|      |   | IPER    | international preliminary examination report      |

\* In practice, demand must be filed by 19 months for Article 22 transitional reservation countries