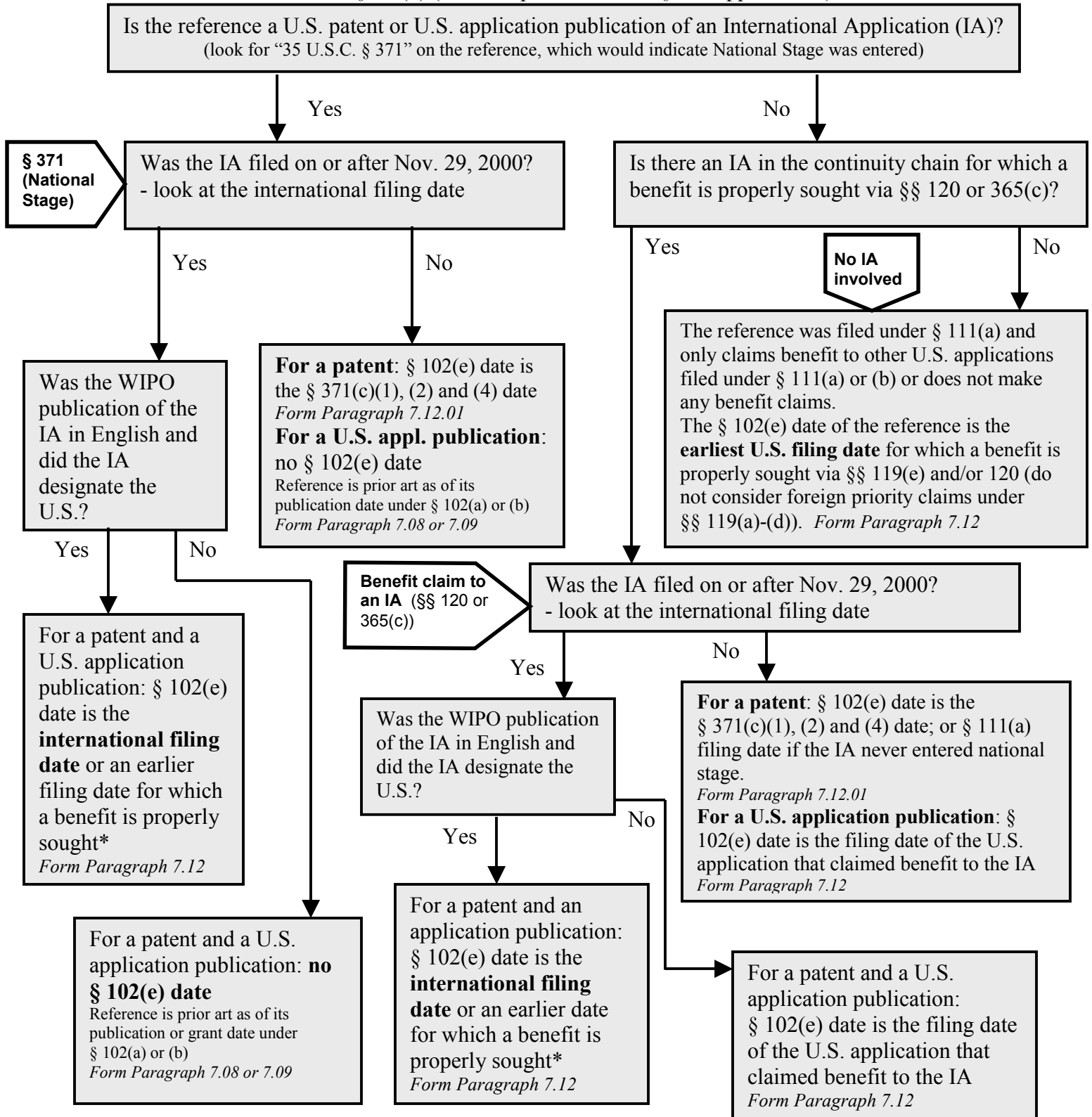
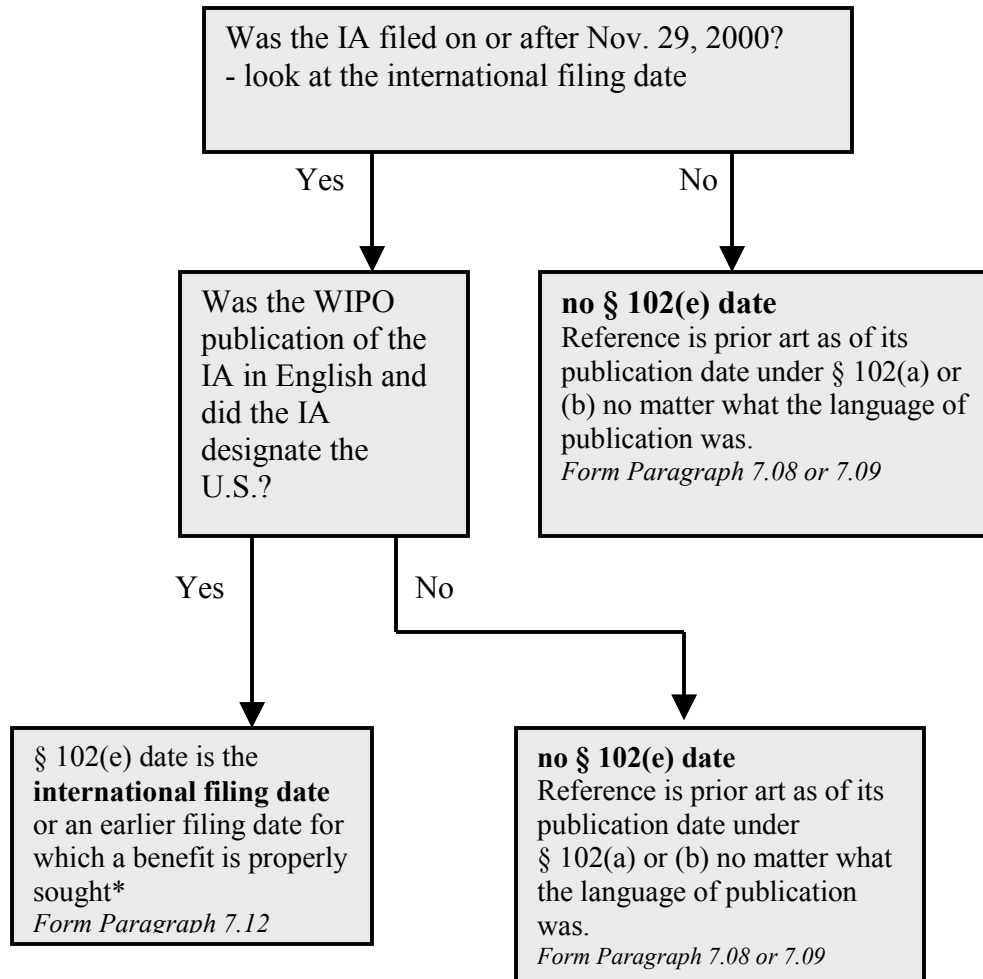


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* Consider benefit claims properly made under § 119(e) to U.S. provisional applications, § 120 to U.S. nonprovisional applications, and § 365(c) involving IAs. Do NOT consider foreign priority claims.

Glossary of Terms:

U.S. patent application publication = pre-grant publication by the USPTO under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)

International application (IA) = an application filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

§ 371 application = an IA that has entered the national stage in the U.S. (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(1), (2) and (4))

November 29, 2000 = the effective date for the amendments to §§ 102(e) and 374

WIPO = World Intellectual Property Organization

WIPO Publication = a publication of an IA under PCT Article 21(2) (e.g., Publication No. WO 99/12345)

§ 111(a) = provision of the patent code that states the **filing** requirements for **nonprovisional applications**

§ 111(b) = provision of the patent code that states the **filing** requirements for **provisional applications**

§ 119(e) = provision of the patent code that allows for **priority claims to provisional applications**

§ 119(a)-(d) = provision of the patent code that allows for **priority claims to foreign applications**

§ 120 = provision of the patent code that allows for **benefit claims to nonprovisional applications**