**USPTO’s results from January 1 to December 31 in 2022 and 2023**

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| **PPH Pendency Initiative** | **Target** | **2022** | **2023** |
| Average period from completion of PPH request to first office action on merits | within 3 months | 3.0 months | 3.2 months |
| Average period from applicant’s response to the first office action on the merits to subsequent office action | within 3 months | 0.9 month | 0.9 month |

(Note 1) The “completion of PPH request” is the point in time when the formal processing (i.e., eligibility check) of a PPH request is completed. At the USPTO, the expression represents the mail date of a decision on petition granting special status under the PPH.

 (Note 2) The starting point of “applicant’s response” is the point in time when the formal processing of the applicant’s response is completed and the application is forwarded to the examiner for the next office action.