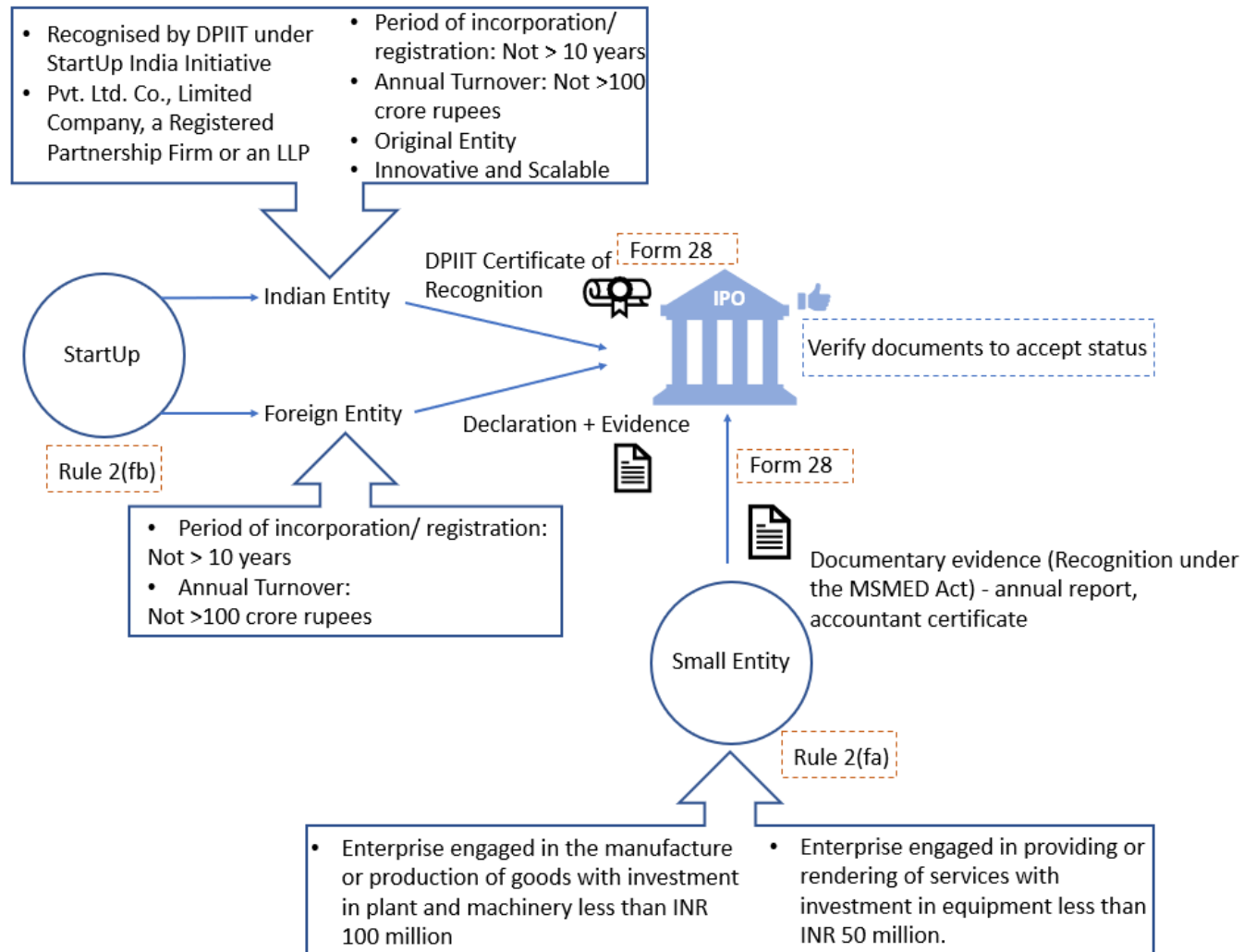


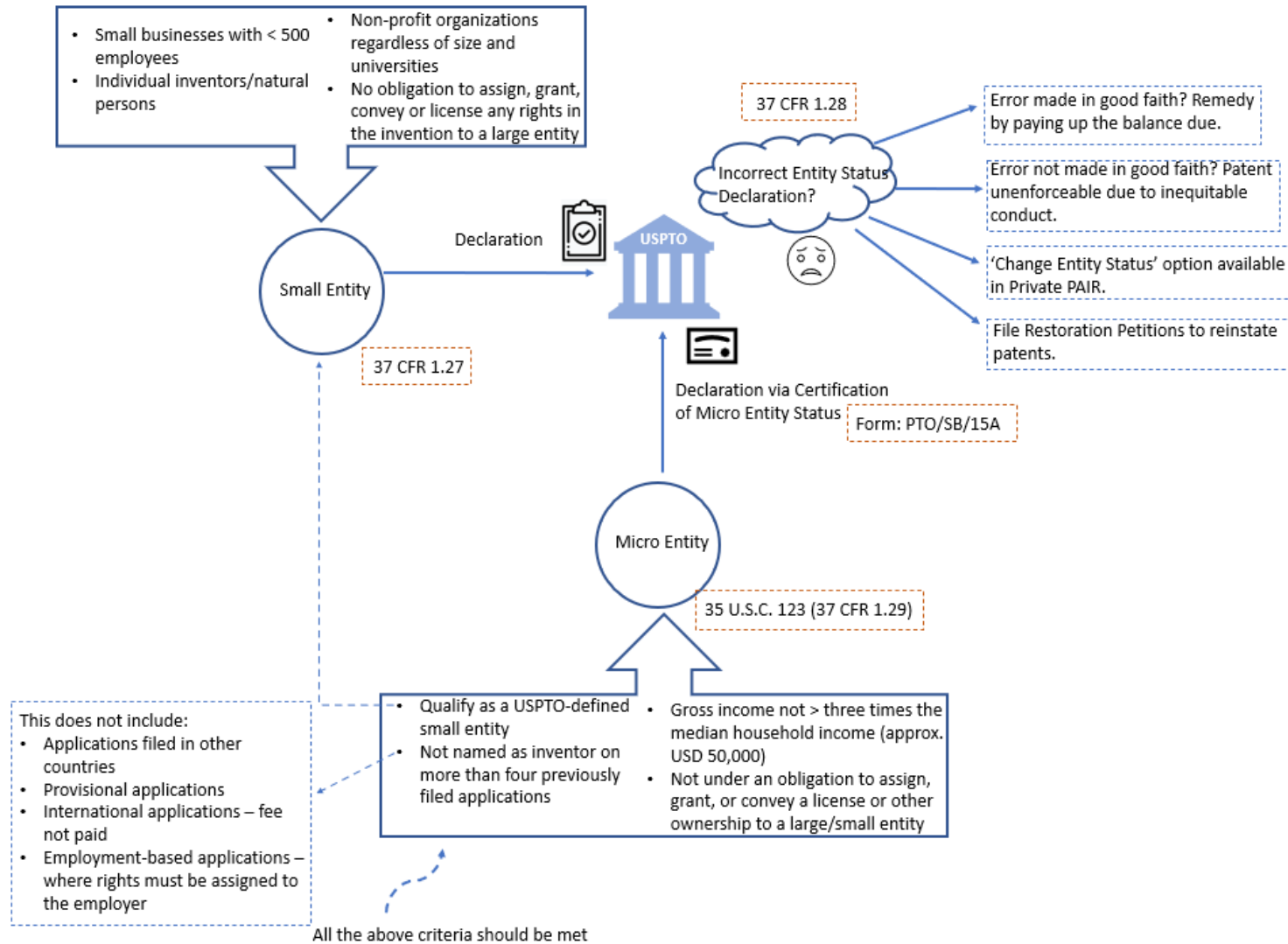
Every patent office provides certain benefits to Patent Applicants if they meet certain criteria (with respect to entity size, gross income and others). These benefits may be patent fee discounts or speedy examination processes.

The IPO provides benefits to entities recognized (via certifications and appropriate documents) as 'startups' or 'small entities'. The following is a pictorial representation of the Applicant 'status' check process at the IPO.



Availing Patent Benefits – A 'Status' Check!

Likewise, the USPTO provides benefits to Patent Applicants recognized as 'small entities' or 'micro entities'. Unlike the IPO, the USPTO does not follow a strict documentation process for the recognition and therefore there is scope for incorrect/wrong declarations of entity status. The following is a pictorial representation of the Applicant 'status' check process at the USPTO and the ramifications/remedies in case of an incorrect status declaration.



The EPO also provides benefits to certain Patent Applicants. Like the USPTO, the EPO provides certain measures to remedy incorrect/wrong entity status declarations. The following is a pictorial representation of the Applicant 'status' check process at the EPO and the ramifications/remedies in case of an incorrect status declaration.

