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IL Israel

Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[1] - Amendment to Annex D

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 March 2026.

With effect from 1 March 2026, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Israeli new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	4,203
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	4,203
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,801
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	amount as set out in Rule 58*bis*.2
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,801
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13*ter*.1(c) and 13*ter*.2)	540
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1*ter* and 94.2), per document	52

Part II. [No change]

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/documents/d/pct-system/docs-en-agreements-ag-il.pdf

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

The **Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** has notified the International Bureau of corrections to certain amounts of fees, in **Bosnia and Herzegovina convertible marks (BAM)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These corrected amounts are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	BAM	60
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	BAM	30

[Updating of Annex C(BA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DK Denmark

The **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Danish krone (DKK)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2026, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	DKK	950
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	DKK	380

[Updating of Annex C(DK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2026, is – for a patent: per document, plus EUR 50.

[Updating of Annex C(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Israeli new shekels (ILS)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2026, is ILS 656.

The Office has also notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Israeli new shekels (ILS)** and payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, however, is applicable from 1 March 2026, and is ILS 104.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Israeli new shekels (ILS)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 March 2026, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	4,203
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	4,203
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1(c)):	ILS	540
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 94.1*ter*), per document:	ILS	52

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Israeli new shekels (ILS)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority and applicable from 1 March 2026, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	ILS	1,801
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	ILS	1,801
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.2):	ILS	540
Cost of copies (Rules 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document:	ILS	52

[Updating of Annex E(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

SV El Salvador

The **National Center of Registries (CNR) (El Salvador)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the number of copies of an international application required by it if the application is filed on paper – one copy must now be filed, instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(SV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SV El Salvador – Corrigendum

The information published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 December 2025 (page 249) concerning the requirements of the **National Center of Registries (CNR) (El Salvador)** as to who can act as agent before the Office in its capacity as receiving Office contained an error.

The correct information should have been:

any person residing in El Salvador; if the agent is a lawyer, they must be a lawyer authorized to practice in El Salvador.

[Updating of Annex C(SV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the national filing fee, in **Israeli new shekels (ILS)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2026, is ILS 2,402.[2]

In addition, the Office has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for reinstatement of rights (PCT Rule 49.6(d)(i)), in **Israeli new shekels (ILS)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable since 1 January 2026, is ILS 240.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SV El Salvador – Corrigendum

The information published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 December 2025 (page 249) concerning the requirements of the **National Center of Registries (CNR) (El Salvador)** as to who can act as agent before the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office contained an error.

The correct information should have been:

any person residing in El Salvador; if the agent is a lawyer, they must be a lawyer authorized to practice in El Salvador.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (SV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PATENT AND UTILITY MODEL DOCUMENTS FORMING PART OF THE MINIMUM DOCUMENTATION

Amended PCT Rule 34.1, adopted by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its Fifty-Fifth (24th Ordinary) Session held from 6 to 14 July 2023, with effect since 1 January 2026, requires the International Bureau to validate the availability of the patent and utility model documents notified in accordance with amended PCT Rule 34.1(d), and to publish in the Gazette details of the documents concerned and the date from which they will become a part of the minimum documentation.

The following Office has made a notification under PCT Rule 34.1(d) and the International Bureau has validated the availability of the documents so notified. Consequently, **with effect from 8 March 2026**, those patent documents listed below that were published after 1 January 1920 will form part of the minimum documentation. In accordance with PCT Rule 34.1(c), the International Searching Authorities should also preferably consult the utility model documents referred to below.

[2] A 40% reduction in the fee will be applicable for applications first filed in Israel for an individual applicant or for a corporate entity with a turnover of less than ILS 10 million in the last calendar year.

FR France

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France)** has notified the International Bureau under PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

Type of document	ST.16 Code	Publication Dates		Format of Documents	Source of Documents
		From	To		
Published national or regional patent	B1	21/08/2020		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A1	21/08/2020		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility certificate	B3	21/08/2020		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
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Published application for national or regional patent	A1	01/01/1990	20/08/2020	PDF (image-based)	Collections available on request
Published application for national or regional patent	A1	01/01/1920	01/01/1990	Paper	Collections available on request
Utility certificate	B3	01/01/1920	01/01/2008	Paper	Collections available on request
Utility certificate	B3	01/01/2008	20/08/2020	PDF (image-based)	Collections available on request

Utility certificate application	A3	01/01/1990	20/08/2020	PDF (image-based)	Collections available on request
Utility certificate application	A3	01/01/1920	01/01/1990	Paper	Collections available on request
Published national or regional patent	B1	01/01/1920	01/01/2008	Paper	Collections available on request
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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BG Bulgaria

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** has notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 February 2026, payments of fees to the Office can only be made in **euro (EUR)** and it will no longer be possible to pay fees in Bulgarian lev.

[Updating of Annex C(BG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BG Bulgaria

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** has notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 February 2026, payments of fees to the Office can only be made in **euro (EUR)** and it will no longer be possible to pay fees in Bulgarian lev.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Russian roubles (RUB)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable from 1 February 2026, as follows:

Unitary procedural fee (for filing, search, publication and other processing):	RUB	70,000
Claim fee for each claim:		
– in excess of five:	RUB	7,000
– in excess of 20:	RUB	7,500
– in excess of 50:	RUB	8,000

Examination fee:

– for one invention:	RUB 70,000
– for a group of inventions including one independent claim:	RUB 70,000
– additional fee for the second independent claim:	RUB 40,000
– additional fee for each independent claim in excess of two claims:	RUB 25,000

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EA), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

ES Spain

Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[1] – Amendment to Annex D

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex D, Part I thereof. These amendments, which consist of changes to the amounts of the search fee and the additional fee for international search, will enter into force on 1 April 2026.

With effect from 1 April 2026, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,885[2]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,885[2]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change][2]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change][2]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1*ter* and 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/documents/d/pct-system/docs-en-agreements-ag-es.pdf

[2] This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention and which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of “low income”, “lower middle income” or “upper middle income”.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office (JPO)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning its facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means of communication (PCT Rule 92.4) – with effect from 1 April 2026, the Office will discontinue the use of its facsimile services and will no longer accept the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means.

[Updating of Annex B(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2026, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):		BYN	110.25	
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):		BYN	150	for each copy of priority document up to 35 pages
	plus	BYN	2.40	for each page of one copy in excess of 35 pages
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):		BYN	225	

[Updating of Annex C(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	EUR	1,885[3]
Additional fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	EUR	1,885[3]

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2026, are CHF 1,064, EUR 1,142 and USD 1,333, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) – in addition to itself and the Ministry of Intellectual Property (MOIP) (Republic of Korea) – as competent International Searching Authority, with effect from 1 March 2026, for international applications filed with the Australian Patent Office or with the receiving Office of the International Bureau of WIPO, by nationals and residents of Australia.

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[3] This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention and which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the components of the national fee,[4, 5] in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2026, as follows:

For patent:		
Filing fee:	BYN	110.25
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	47.25
Examination fee:	BYN	535.50
Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	315
Annual fee for the third year:	BYN	110.25
For utility model:		
Filing fee:	BYN	220.50
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	110.25

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES: NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES

Under the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents ("DAS") established by the International Bureau, any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place is able to participate in DAS, either as an Office of first filing ("depositing Office") or as an Office of second filing ("accessing Office"), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17). Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents* are published by the International Bureau at:

https://www.wipo.int/web/das/participating-offices/search

[4] For residents of Belarus, the payment of fees shall be effected in Belarusian roubles in accordance with the rate of the base value.

[5] For non-residents of Belarus the payment of fees shall be effected in US dollars, euros, Swiss francs or Russian roubles, unless otherwise provided for by international agreements with the Republic of Belarus, in accordance with the rate of the base value and the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus applicable on the date of payment.

BY Belarus

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, both as a depositing and as an accessing Office, with effect since 1 January 2026.

[Updating of Annex B(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

FI Finland

Agreement between the Finnish Patent and Registration Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[1] - Amendments to Annex D

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2026.

Consequently, as from 1 April 2026, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

Annex D
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Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,885
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,885
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45*bis*.3(a))	1,885
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13*ter*.1(c) and 13*ter*.2)	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.1*ter* and Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]

[1] The Agreement is available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/documents/d/pct-system/docs-en-agreements-ag-fi.pdf

SG Singapore

Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[2] – Amendment to Annex A

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 March 2026, consists of the addition of **Australia** to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex.

As from 1 March 2026, the amended Annex A will read as follows:

Annex A
States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

(i) the following States for which it will act:

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

Singapore, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United States of America, Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

Singapore, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United States of America, Viet Nam.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

(ii) [No change]

[2] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/documents/d/pct-system/docs-en-agreements-ag-sg.pdf

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are EUR 1,885 each.

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, in its capacity as Authority specified for supplementary search, the Office notified a new amount of the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(a)), in **euros (EUR)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2026, is EUR 1,885.

[Updating of Annex SISA(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore – in addition to itself, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Ministry of Intellectual Property (MOIP) (Republic of Korea) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 March 2026 with the Australian Patent Office or the International Bureau of WIPO, in their capacities as receiving Offices, by nationals and residents of Australia.

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has specified the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) – in addition to itself, the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) and the European Patent Office (EPO) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 February 2026 with the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) or the International Bureau of WIPO, in their capacities as receiving Offices, by nationals and residents of the Russian Federation.

[Updating of Annex C(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FR France – Corrigendum

The information published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 8 January 2026 (page 8) concerning the patent documents made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the Administrative Instructions under the PCT contained an error. The data in the last row of the table was incorrect; it has been corrected below.

Type of document	ST.16 Code	Publication Dates		Format of Documents	Source of Documents
		From	To		
Published national or regional patent	B1	21/08/2020		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A1	21/08/2020		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility certificate	B3	21/08/2020		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility certificate application	A3	21/08/2020		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A1	01/01/1990	20/08/2020	PDF (image-based)	Collections available on request
Published application for national or regional patent	A1	01/01/1920	01/01/1990	Paper	Collections available on request
Utility certificate	B3	01/01/1920	01/01/2008	Paper	Collections available on request
Utility certificate	B3	01/01/2008	20/08/2020	PDF (image-based)	Collections available on request

Utility certificate application	A3	01/01/1990	20/08/2020	PDF (image-based)	Collections available on request
Utility certificate application	A3	01/01/1920	01/01/1990	Paper	Collections available on request
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EP European Patent Organisation

Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[1] – Amendments to Annex D

Pursuant to Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, the **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 1 April 2026, consist of changes in the amounts of several fees payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search, and International Preliminary Examining Authority.

As from 1 April 2026, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

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Supplementary search fee (Rule 45*bis*.3(a))	1,885[2]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	2,010[2]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	2,010[2]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	1,070
Review fee (Rule 45*bis*.6(c))	1,070
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13*ter*.1(c) and 13*ter*.2)	280

Part II. [No change]

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/documents/d/pct-system/docs-en-agreements-ag-ep.pdf

[2] This fee is reduced by 75% under certain conditions (see decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 12 December 2019 (OJ EPO 2020, A4)). See Part II, paragraph (4) for further details.

[3] This fee is applied in conjunction with PCT Rule 20.5*bis* (see decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 27 March 2020 (OJ EPO 2020, A36)).

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

Agreement between the Visegrad Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[4] – Amendments to Annex D

The **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2026.

With effect from 1 April 2026, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

Annex D
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Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,885
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,885
International-type search fee	
If requested in HU, PL, SK national application	[No change]
If requested in other national application	[No change]
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45*bis*.3(a)), full search	1,885
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45*bis*.3(a)), for searches only on the documents in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak held in the search collection of the Authority	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[No change]
Review fee (Rule 45*bis*.6(c))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13*ter*.1(c) and 13*ter*.2)	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1*ter* and 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]

[4] Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/documents/d/pct-system/docs-en-agreements-ag-xv.pdf

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

DO Dominican Republic

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for priority document, applicable since 31 March 2023, in **Dominican pesos (DOP)** and payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):		DOP	1,980	for the first 10 pages
	plus	DOP	14	for each additional page

[Updating of Annex C(DO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable for international applications filed on or after 1 April 2026, is EUR 160.

In addition, the EPO notified new amounts of other fees, in **euros (EUR)**, also payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable for payments made on or after 1 April 2026, are as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	125
	(EUR	[No change][5])
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	EUR	790

[Updating of Annex C(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

The Office also notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Searching Authority and Authority specified for supplementary international search, and applicable from 1 April 2026, as follows:

Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)):	EUR	1,885[6]
Additional fee (PCT Rules 40.2(a) and 40*bis*[7]):	EUR	1,885[6]
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45*bis*.3(a)):	EUR	1,885[6]

[5] This amount applies where the document is requested using MyEPO.

[6] This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State classified by the World Bank as a low-income or lower-middle-income economy. For the list of States to which this reduction applies, refer to: https://www.epo.org/applying/fees/international-fees/information.html

[7] This fee is applied in conjunction with PCT Rule 20.5*bis* (see decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 27 March 2020 (OJ EPO 2020, A36)).

Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	EUR	1,070
Review fee (PCT Rule 45*bis*.6(c)):	EUR	1,070
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1(c)):	EUR	280

[Updating of Annexes D(EP) and SISA(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office notified new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2026, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	EUR	2,010[6]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)):	EUR	2,010[6]
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	EUR	1,070
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.2):	EUR	280

[Updating of Annex E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GB United Kingdom

The **Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom)**[8] has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **pounds sterling (GBP)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office and applicable from 1 April 2026, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	GBP	100
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	GBP	27
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	GBP	200

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of the cancellation of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) and the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)), with effect since 1 January 2026.

[Updating of Annex C(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[8] Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

The **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are EUR 1,885 each.

[Updating of Annex D(XV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, in its capacity as Authority specified for supplementary search, the Office notified a new amount of the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(a)), in **euros (EUR)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2026, is EUR 1,885.

[Updating of Annex SISA(XV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

AU Australia – Corrigendum

The information published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 29 January 2026 (page 15) was incomplete, the capacity of the European Patent Office (EPO) as International Preliminary Examining Authority having been omitted. The correct information is as follows:

The **Australian Patent Office** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) – in addition to itself and the Ministry of Intellectual Property (MOIP) (Republic of Korea) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, with effect from 1 March 2026, for international applications filed with the Australian Patent Office or with the receiving Office of the International Bureau of WIPO, by nationals and residents of Australia.

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of its national fee, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are as follows:

National fee:[9]

Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated:[10]	EUR	720
Claims fee:[11]		
– for the 16th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50	EUR	290
– for the 51st and each subsequent claim	EUR	720
Search fee for (international) applications:[11]	EUR	1,595
Fee for further processing:		
– in the event of late payment of a fee	[No change]	
– other cases	EUR	315
Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing:	EUR	280
Examination fee:[12]		
– for international applications for which a supplementary European search report is drawn up	EUR	2,010
– for international applications for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up	EUR	2,240
Renewal fee for the third year:[13]	EUR	725

[9] Refer to the Decision of the EPO Administrative Council dated 11 December 2025 (CA/D 9/25), OJ EPO 2026, A2.

[10] Payable within 31 months from the priority date or six months after the date of publication of the international search report, whichever expires later.

[11] Must be paid within 31 months from the priority date. (For claims fees, see also paragraph EP.08 of National Chapter EP.)

[12] A request for examination must be made and the examination fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) and EPC Rule 159(1) or six months after the date of publication of the international search report, whichever expires later.

[13] This fee is due before the expiration of the month containing the second anniversary (24 months) of the international filing date; it is due within 31 months from the priority date, if that 31-month time limit expires later.

Furthermore, the Office notified a new amount of the reduction of the search fee component of the national fee, in **euros (EUR)**, for international applications for which the international search report or a supplementary international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office or, in accordance with the *Protocol on Centralisation*, by the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH), the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV), the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent) or the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI). The new amount of this reduction, applicable from 1 April 2026, is EUR 1,365.[14]

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Finally, the Office notified a new amount, in **euros (EUR)**, of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(d)) or for reinstatement of rights (PCT Rule 49.6), payable to the EPO in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 April 2026, is EUR 790.

[14] Refer to footnote 9.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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AT Austria

Agreement between the Federal Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[1] – Amendments to Annex D

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2026.

Consequently, as from 1 April 2026, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,885[2]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,885[2]
Supplementary search fees (Rule 45*bis*.3(a))	[no change]
– of only European and North American documentation	[no change]
– of only German-language documentation	[no change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[no change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[no change]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[no change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 45*bis*.7(c), 71.2(b), 94.1*ter* and 94.2), per page	[no change]

Part II. [No change]

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/documents/d/pct-system/docs-en-agreements-ag-at.pdf

[2] This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority.

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AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are EUR 1,885 each.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are EUR 98 and USD 116 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 435 and USD 516 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **multiple currencies** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**[3]**.** These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are as follows:

Australian dollars (AUD)	3,210
Yuan renminbi (CNY)	15,710
Danish kroner (DKK)	14,080
Hungarian forints (HUF)	719,500
Icelandic kronur (ISK)	273,600
Japanese yen (JPY)	345,900
New Zealand dollars (NZD)	3,717
Norwegian kroner (NOK)	21,620
Pounds sterling (GBP)	1,632
Singapore dollars (SGD)	2,842
South African rand (ZAR)	35,800
Swedish kronor (SEK)	19,950

[3] A new amount of this fee (EUR 1,885) has been established by the EPO, with effect from 1 April 2026. Refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 12 February 2026, pages 25 and 27.

Swiss francs (CHF)	1,734
US dollars (USD)	2,237

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are EUR 98 and USD 116 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 489 and USD 580 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Australian dollars (AUD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2026, is AUD 2,643.

[Updating of Annex D(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TR Türkiye

New amounts in **Turkish lira (TRY)** have been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) payable for an international search carried out by the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are TRY 97,060 each.

[Updating of Annex D (TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(a), a new amount has been established for the supplementary search fee for a full supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2026, is TRY 97,060.

[Updating of Annex SISA (TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EXCUSE OF DELAY UNDER PCT RULE 82*quater*.1: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES, AUTHORITIES OR THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU UNDER PCT RULE 82*quater*.1(d)

EP European Patent Organisation

In accordance with PCT Rule 82*quater*.1(d), the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau that it shall waive the need for evidence for excuse of delay under PCT Rule 82*quater*.1(a), where a time limit fixed in the PCT Regulations for performing an action before it expiring between 27 January and 26 February 2026 is not met by an interested party residing or having its place of business in Portugal, due to the effects of the storms in Portugal during that time.

For further information, refer to the notice published by the EPO on its website at:

https://www.epo.org/en/legal/official-journal/notice-10-february-2026

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2026, is KRW 3,250,000.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Australian dollars (AUD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2026 and only until 31 March 2026[1], is AUD 3,140.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[1] For the equivalent amount in AUD that will be applicable from 1 April 2026, refer to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 19 February 2026, p. 34.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

MN Mongolia

The **Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its email address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: ipinfo@ipom.gov.mn

[Updating of Annex B(MN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, **US dollars (USD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Austrian Patent Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are CHF 1,734, SGD 2,842, USD 2,237 and ZAR 35,800, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **won (KRW)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2026, are KRW 2,268,000 and USD 1,555, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2026, is CHF 1,734.

[Updating of Annex SISA(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are CHF 1,734 and USD 2,237, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are CHF 1,734 and USD 2,237, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(a), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2026, is CHF 1,734.

[Updating of Annex SISA(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

New equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2026, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY	264,900
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY	3,000
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	JPY	59,800
Handling fee:	JPY	39,800

[Updating of Annexes C(JP) and E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee in **Australian dollars (AUD)** have been established for an international search carried out by the **Ministry of Intellectual Property Office (MOIP) (Republic of Korea)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2026, are AUD 437 for international applications filed in Korean or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and AUD 1,166 for international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

New amounts in **Swedish krona (SEK)** have been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) payable for an international search carried out by the **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are SEK 19,950 each.

In addition, new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **Danish kroner (DKK), euros (EUR)**, **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** and **US dollars (USD)**, for an international search carried out by the Office, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d). These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are as follows:

CHF	1,734
DKK	14,080
EUR	1,885
ISK	273,600
NOK	21,620
USD	2,237

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new amount of the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(a)) in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2026, is CHF 1,734.

[Updating of Annex SISA(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TR Türkiye

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a full supplementary international search carried out by the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (TÜRKPATENT)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2026, is CHF 1,734.

[Updating of Annex SISA(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2026, are ZAR 38,300 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 15,320 for a small entity, and ZAR 7,660 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

New amounts in **Danish kroner (DKK)** have been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) payable for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are DKK 14,080 each.

In addition, new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)**, **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, **Swedish kronor (SEK)** and **US dollars (USD)**, for an international search carried out by the Office, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d). These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are as follows:

CHF	1,734
EUR	1,885
ISK	273,600
NOK	21,620
SEK	19,950
USD	2,237

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(a), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a full supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2026, is CHF 1,734.

[Updating of Annex SISA(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF), Hungarian forints (HUF)** and **US dollars (USD),** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are CHF 1,734, HUF 719,500 and USD 2,237, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(XV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(a), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2026, is CHF 1,734.

[Updating of Annex SISA(XV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

EG Egypt

The **Egyptian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the name of the Office and its e-mail addresses, as follows:

Name of Office:	Egyptian Intellectual Property Authority
E-mail:	patinfo@egypo.gov.eg (for PCT matters) egypa-info@egypo.gov.eg

In addition, the Office has notified the International Bureau that its national legislation does not restrict the filing of international applications with foreign Offices.

[Updating of Annex B(EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Ministry of Intellectual Property (MOIP) (Republic of Korea)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to the name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Name of Office:	Ministry of Intellectual Property of the Republic of Korea (MOIP)

[Updating of Annex B(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2026, are CHF 718 for international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3[1] and CHF 848 for international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

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[1] This fee is reduced for applications by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. For further details on the eligibility, refer to https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EG Egypt

The **Egyptian Intellectual Property Authority** has notified a new amount of the examination fee component of the national fee for patents, in **Egyptian pound (EGP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable since 18 June 2025, is EGP 50,000. In addition, students are no longer exempt from paying the examination fee.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EG), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

ID Indonesia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Government of the Republic of Indonesia** has notified[2] the International Bureau of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made under the *Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure*, with effect since 24 February 2026, as follows:

Indonesian Culture Collection (InaCC)
Directorate of Scientific Collection Management
National Research and Innovation Agency
(Badan Riset dan Inovasi Nasional, BRIN)
Kawasan Sains dan Teknologi Dr. (H.C.) Ir. H. Soekarno
Jl. Raya Bogor Km. 46
Cibinong 16911, West Java
Indonesia

[2] The full text of Budapest Notification No. 378 is available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/treaties/notifications/details/treaty_budapest_378

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UY Uruguay

The **National Directorate of Industrial Property (DNPI) (Uruguay)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to the name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Name of Office:	National Directorate of Industrial Property and Software Registry (DNPIRS) (Uruguay)

[Updating of Annex B(UY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2026, are CHF 84, or CHF 21 in the case of filing by an individual.

[Updating of Annex D(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES: NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES

Under the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents ("DAS") established by the International Bureau, any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place is able to participate in DAS, either as an Office of first filing ("depositing Office") or as an Office of second filing ("accessing Office"), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17). Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents* are published by the International Bureau at:

https://www.wipo.int/web/das/participating-offices/search

SM San Marino

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino)** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, both as a depositing and as an accessing Office, with effect from 1 May 2026.

[Updating of Annex B(SM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS UNDER PCT RULE 89*bis*.1(d)

BH Bahrain

The **Directorate of Foreign Trade & Industrial Property, National Patent Office (Bahrain),** in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form, with effect from 1 October 2026, as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

– XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)

– WIPO Standard ST.26 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)

– PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

– TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

– JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

– online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

– WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

– ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

– facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)

– enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (973) 17 57 48 96; (973) 17 57 49 23; (973) 17 57 47 69
- by e-mail at: ip@moic.gov.bh

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (http://www.moic.gov.bh).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

– WIPO customer CA (see www.wipo.int/pct-eservices/en/certificates.html)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.

[Updating of Annex C(BH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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NL Netherlands (Kingdom of the)

The **Netherlands Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone number and website address, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (31-88) 042 40 02

Website: https://www.octrooicentrum.nl

[Updating of Annex B(NL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TN Tunisia

The **National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its email address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: contact@innorpi.tn

[Updating of Annex B(TN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2026, is EUR 1,351.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UY Uruguay

The **National Directorate of Industrial Property and Software Registry (DNPIRS) (Uruguay)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees,[1] payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office and applicable since 1 January 2026, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	Equivalent in UYU of UYI	672.62
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	Equivalent in UYU of UYI	3,363.10

[Updating of Annex C(UY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[1] The Office's fees are established in UYI (Indexed Units (UI)) (Art. 117 of Law on Patents No. 17.164, as amended by Art. 279 of Law No. 20.446, dated 1 January 2026), however they are payable in UYU and are updated monthly, according to the value of the UI on the first day of each month. Refer to https://www.gub.uy/ministerio-industria-energia-mineria/comunicacion/publicaciones/tasas-precios-direccion-nacional-propiedad-industrial

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

GB United Kingdom

The **Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom)**[2] has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **pounds sterling (GBP)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2026, are as follows:

National fee for processing of an international application[3]	GBP	40
Excess claims fee (for each claim over 25):[4]	GBP	27
Excess pages fee (for each page of description over 35):[4]	GBP	13
Search fee:[5]		
Where a search has already been made by an International Searching Authority:	GBP	200
When search/substantive examination is requested electronically	GBP	160
In other cases:	GBP	240
When search/substantive examination is requested electronically	GBP	200
Substantive examination fee:[6]	GBP	170
When search/substantive examination is requested electronically	GBP	130

In addition, the Office has notified a new amount of the fee for reinstatement of rights (PCT Rule 49.6(d)(i)), payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, applicable from 1 April 2026. This new amount is GBP 200.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (GB), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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2 Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

3 Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), or at the time of any earlier express request by the applicant to proceed earlier with the national phase.

4 Excess claims and excess pages fees may also be payable at grant if the number of claims and pages increase during the processing of the application. If this is the case, the Office will invite the applicant to pay a grant fee by filing a Form 34.

5 Due within 33 months from the priority date. Where the applicant expressly requests early entry into the national phase, the fee is due within 12 months form the priority date, or two months from the date on which the conditions for early entry are satisfied, whichever is the later.

6 Due within 33 months from the priority date.

UY Uruguay

The **National Directorate of Industrial Property and Software Registry (DNPIRS) (Uruguay)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the amounts of certain fees,[7] payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. The new amounts, applicable since 1 January 2026, are as follows:

Fee for reinstatement of rights (PCT Rule 49.6(d)(i)):	Equivalent in UYU of UYI 3,363.10
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(d)):	Equivalent in UYU of UYI 3,363.10

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (UY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[7] The Office's fees are established in UYI (Indexed Units (UI)) (Art. 117 of Law on Patents No. 17.164, as amended by Art. 279 of Law No. 20.446, dated 1 January 2026), however they are payable in UYU and are updated monthly, according to the value of the UI on the first day of each month. Refer to https://www.gub.uy/ministerio-industria-energia-mineria/comunicacion/publicaciones/tasas-precios-direccion-nacional-propiedad-industrial

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AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of the deletion of one of its telephone numbers. The remaining available telephone number is as follows:

Telephone: (43-1) 53424-0

[Updating of Annex B(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has clarified its requirements concerning provisional protection after international publication and specified that the relevant provisions of its national law include Articles 170.2 and 67 of Law No. 24/2015 on Patents. The requirements are now as follows:

If the international application has been published in Spanish, the provisional protection shall take effect in Spain with respect to that application from the date of international publication. If it has been published in another language, the provisional protection shall take effect from the date on which its translation into Spanish is made available to the public at the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office. For this purpose, a notice of the date from which the translation of the application is made available to the public shall be published in the *Official Industrial Property Bulletin*.

If the applicant does not reside in Spain or in a country of the European Union, the translation must be either prepared by a patent attorney entitled to practice before the Office, or certified by a sworn translator appointed by the Ministry of External Affairs of Spain. In addition, persons who declare to have linguistic and technical knowledge in accordance with the Ministerial Order ETU/320/2018 of March 26, 2018 may also prepare the translation.

That provisional protection consists of the right to demand compensation, reasonable and appropriate to the circumstances, from any third party who, between the date the translation into Spanish has been published and the date of publication of the mention that the patent has been granted, has made use of the invention which after that period would be prohibited by virtue of the patent.

It is understood that the patent application has never provided provisional protection when it has been or is considered to have been withdrawn, or when it has been refused or revoked by virtue of a final decision.

[Updating of Annex B(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to the provisions of its national legislation concerning restrictions to the filing of international applications with foreign Offices. Pursuant to Sections 1, 2, 6 and 10 of the Defence Inventions Act (1971:1078), the restrictions apply to defence inventions made in Sweden or belonging to a person resident in Sweden or to a Swedish company.

The Office has also notified the International Bureau of changes in the relevant provisions of its national law concerning international-type search – the relevant provisions are now Article 20, Chapter 4 of the Patents Act, and Article 4, Chapter 3 of the Patents Decree.

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JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2026, is SGD 1,358.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2026, is JPY 292,300.

[Updating of Annex D(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the address of the Office's website from which to obtain a list of registered patent attorneys, which is now as follows:

https://rzecznicy.uprp.gov.pl/attorneys

[Updating of Annex C(PL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the requirements for representation before the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office – an agent is no longer required for any applicant.

[Updating of Annex C(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

DK Denmark

The **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the amounts of certain components of the national fee, in **Danish kroner (DKK)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2026. The new amounts of the respective components of the national fee are as follows:

Filing fee: [1]

Basic fee:	DKK	3,600
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	DKK	360
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy:[2]	DKK	1,320
Annual fees for the first three years:[3]	DKK	660

In addition, the Office has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for reinstatement of rights (PCT Rule 49.6(d)(i)), in **Danish kroner (DKK)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable since 1 January 2026, is DKK 3,600.

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1 This fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

2 Where the filing fee has been paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the translation may be filed within two months from the expiration of that time limit, provided that the additional fee for late furnishing of the translation is also paid within those two months.

3 These fees are due on the last day of the month containing the second anniversary (24 months) of the international filing date; where PCT Article 39(1) applies, they are payable within two months after performing the acts for entering the national phase, unless the 24-month time limit has not yet expired.

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, which are now as follows:

Fee reductions are available to Spanish public universities and entrepreneurs. For further information, refer to Invention fees, available at:
https://www.oepm.es/en/tasas-y-precios-publicos/tasas-de-invenciones/

Where the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office benefits from an earlier international search or examination, refund of search report fee and substantive examination fee can be applicable.

For more information, refer to the Instruction on the refund of search report fee and substantive examination fee, available at:
https://www.oepm.es/export/sites/portal/comun/documentos_relacionados/PDF/2019_03_06_Reembolso_Tasas_IET_Resolucion.pdf

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (ES), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTINGS: NOTIFICATIONS BY INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES OF APPLICABLE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office**, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the types of physical media accepted by the Authority for the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings in electronic form, under PCT Rule 13*ter*.1 and in accordance with Annex C of the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT*, which are now as follows:

An entire copy of the sequence listing and identifying data should be contained within one XML file (compliant with WIPO Standard ST.26) on a single standard (ISO 9660) CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD, DVD-R or USB drive.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to one of its telephone numbers for application processing. The telephone numbers are now as follows:

Telephone:	(7-499) 240 60 15	(general)
	(7-499) 240 58 88 (7-495) 531 64 81	(application processing)

[Updating of Annex B(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Intellectual Property Authority**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2026, are CHF 59, EUR 64 and USD 73, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2026, are USD 896 for international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3[1], and USD 1,059 for international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Ministry of Intellectual Property of the Republic of Korea (MOIP)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2026, are CHF 239 for international applications filed in Korean or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and CHF 636 for international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[1] This fee is reduced for applications by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. For further details on the eligibility, refer to: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d), a new equivalent amount in **won (KRW)** has been established for the handling fee. This amount, also applicable from 1 June 2026, is KRW 377,000.

[Updating of Annex E(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office. The following persons may act as such:

– If an agent is required: any patent attorney, attorney-at-law, or firm of representatives established in Germany and authorized to represent the applicant in proceedings before the Office. In case of a firm of representatives, the natural person acting on its behalf must be authorized to render legal services in Germany.

  Any patent attorney or attorney-at-law of a member State of the European Union, of a contracting party to the *Agreement on the European Economic* Area, or of Switzerland, authorized to practice in Germany, or to provide temporary services, and empowered to represent the applicant in proceedings before the Office (refer to the *Act on the Activities of Patent Attorneys from EU Member States in Germany* [*EuPAG*] and the *Act on the Activities of European Lawyers in Germany* [*EuRAG*]); [2] under certain further requirements, any firm of representatives established in a member State of the European Union, in a State that is a contracting party to the *Agreement on the European Economic Area* or in a member State of the World Trade Organization. The natural person acting on its behalf must be authorized to render legal services in Germany.

– If an agent is not required: as mentioned above, and any natural person.

[Updating of Annex C(DE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[2] The list of patent attorneys may be obtained from the *Patentanwaltskammer* (Chamber of Patent Attorneys), Postfach 260108, 80058 München, Germany, and the list of attorneys-at-law from the *Bundesrechtsanwaltskammer* (Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law), Littenstrasse 9, 10179 Berlin, Germany.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. The following persons may now act as such:

– If an agent is required (because the applicant neither has his residence, nor principal place of business, nor an establishment in Germany): any patent attorney, attorney-at-law, or firm of representatives established in Germany and authorized to represent the applicant in proceedings before the Office. In case of a firm of representatives, the natural person acting on its behalf must be authorized to render legal services in Germany.

  Any patent attorney or attorney-at-law of a member State of the European Union, of a contracting party to the *Agreement on the European Economic* Area, or of Switzerland, authorized to practice in Germany, or to provide temporary services, and empowered to represent the applicant in proceedings before the Office (refer to the *Act on the Activities of Patent Attorneys from EU Member States in Germany* [*EuPAG*] and the *Act on the Activities of European Lawyers in Germany* [*EuRAG*]); [3] under certain further requirements, any firm of representatives established in a member State of the European Union, in a State that is a contracting party to the *Agreement on the European Economic Area* or in a member State of the World Trade Organization. The natural person acting on its behalf must be authorized to render legal services in Germany.

– If an agent is not required: as mentioned above, and any natural person.

In addition, the Office has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning its requirements as to whether a copy of the international application is required upon entry into the national phase – where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2), the applicant may be asked to send a copy of the international application, unless the international application was filed with the German Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office. If amendments of the claims were filed under PCT Article 19, the applicant may be asked to send a copy thereof.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (DE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning its requirements as to whether a copy of the international application is required upon entry into the national phase – the applicant is only required to send a copy of the international application if the national phase entry takes place prior to the publication of the international application. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[3] The list of patent attorneys may be obtained from the *Patentanwaltskammer* (Chamber of Patent Attorneys), Postfach 260108, 80058 München, Germany, and the list of attorneys-at-law from the *Bundesrechtsanwaltskammer* (Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law), Littenstrasse 9, 10179 Berlin, Germany.

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RU Russian Federation

Agreement between the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization [1] – Amendments to Annex D

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 1 June 2026, consist of changes to the amounts of the review fee and the fees for copies of cited documents and documents contained in the file of the international application.

As from 1 June 2026, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

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Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	**Amount (Russian roubles)**
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	
– for an application in English	[No change]
– for an application in Russian	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	
– for an application in English	[No change]
– for an application in Russian	[No change]
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45*bis*.3(a))	[No change]
Supplementary search fee for a search in accordance with paragraph 3(3) of Annex B, where a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv)	[No change]
Review fee (Rule 45*bis*.6(c))	4,620
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	
– for an application in English	[No change]
– for an application in Russian	[No change]

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/documents/d/pct-system/docs-en-agreements-ag-ru.pdf

– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	
– for an application in English	[No change]
– for an application in Russian	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	
– for an application in English	[No change]
– for an application in Russian	[No change]
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	
– for an application in English	[No change]
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Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13*ter*.1(c) and 13*ter*.2)	[No change]
Cost of copies (except for documents transmitted to the applicant along with the international search report, supplementary international search report or preliminary examination report) (Rules 44.3(b), 45*bis*.7(c) and 71.2(b))	
– patent document, per page	27
– non-patent document, per page	65
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1*ter* and 94.2), per page	106

Part II. [No change]

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2026, is NZD 2,664.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Ministry of Intellectual Property of the Republic of Korea (MOIP)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2026, are SGD 384 for international applications filed in Korean or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and SGD 1,024 for international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LV Latvia

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Latvia** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 April 2026, is EUR 30.74.

[Updating of Annex C(LV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2026, is KRW 2,765,000.

[Updating of Annex D(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its special requirements, under PCT Rule 51*bis*.1(b), concerning representation by an agent.

With effect from 20 July 2026, the consolidated list of special requirements of the Office, under PCT Rule 51*bis* (Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27), will be as follows:

– Oath or declaration of the inventor.

– Information disclosure statement is recommended.

– Appointment of an agent registered to practice before the USPTO if the applicant is not a resident of the United States of America or its territories.

– Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (US), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

RU Russian Federation

The **Government of the Russian Federation** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the names and addresses of the Russian Collection of Microorganisms (VKM) and the All-Russian Collection of Industrial Microorganisms (VKPM), international depositary authorities under the *Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure*, with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made.

The new names and addresses of the above-mentioned authorities are as follows:

All-Russian Collection of Microorganisms (VKM)

G.K. Skryabin Institute of Biochemistry and Physiology of Microorganisms
of the Russian Academy of Sciences (IBPM RAS)
Prospekt Nauki 5
Pushchino 142290
Serpukhov Urban District
Moscow Region
Russian Federation

National Center for Genetic Resources of Microorganisms (NCGRM)

NRC Kurchatov Institute
Ploshchad Akademika Kurchatova 1
Moscow 123182
Russian Federation

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of changes to particular instances in which the Office may require a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii), respectively, even if the receiving Office has waived the requirement in general.[2]

The Office continues to require that a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted in the following instances:

– If the agent is not:

  (i) a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law admitted to practice in Germany;

  (ii) a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law of a member State of the European Union, of a contracting party to the *Agreement on the European Economic Area*, or of Switzerland, authorized to pursue certain professional activities (refer to the *Act on the Activities of Patent Attorneys from EU Member States in Germany* and the *Act on the Activities of European Lawyers in Germany*);

  (iii) a firm of representatives established in Germany or, under certain further requirements, established in a member State of the European Union, in a State that is a contracting party to the *Agreement on the European Economic Area* or in a member State of the World Trade Organization, the natural person acting on its behalf being authorized to render legal services in Germany.

– In case of reasonable doubts regarding the agent's entitlement to act.

– In case of a common representative (applicable only to separate power of attorney).

[Updating of Annex C(DE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[2] Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rules 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rules 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; refer also to International Phase of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 11.048).

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TR Türkiye

The **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (TÜRKPATENT)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **new Turkish lira (TRY)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2026, as follows:

Patents or utility models:

Filing fee:		
For patents	TRY	16,890
For utility models	TRY	10,560
Fee for certificate of grant:	TRY	3,800
Renewal fee for third year:		
For patents	TRY	3,800
For utility models	TRY	3,250
Reinstatement of rights:	TRY	29,070

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES: NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES

Under the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents ("DAS") established by the International Bureau, any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place is able to participate in DAS, either as an Office of first filing ("depositing Office") or as an Office of second filing ("accessing Office"), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17). Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 11 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents* are published by the International Bureau at:

https://www.wipo.int/web/das/participating-offices/search

IE Ireland

Following notification of participation in DAS as an accessing Office with effect since 17 February 2022, in accordance with paragraph 10 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Intellectual Property Office of Ireland** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office, with effect from 11 May 2026.[1]

[Updating of Annex B(IE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[1] For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/en/web/das/participating-offices/search-details?territoryId=78

LU Luxembourg

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 11 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg)** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, both as a depositing and as an accessing Office, with effect since 1 December 2025.[2]

[Updating of Annex B(LU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[2] For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/en/web/das/participating-offices/search-details?territoryId=106

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JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2026, are EUR 765 for international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3[1], and EUR 904 for international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES: NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES

Under the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents ("DAS") established by the International Bureau, any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place is able to participate in DAS, either as an Office of first filing ("depositing Office") or as an Office of second filing ("accessing Office"), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17). Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 11 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents* are published by the International Bureau at:

https://www.wipo.int/en/web/das/participating-offices/search

CZ Czechia

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 11 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, both as a depositing and as an accessing Office, with effect from 1 July 2026.[2]

[Updating of Annex B(CZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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[1] This fee is reduced for applications by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. For further details on the eligibility, refer to https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf

[2] For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/en/web/das/participating-offices/search-details?territoryId=44

EXCUSE OF DELAY UNDER PCT RULE 82*quater*.2: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU UNDER PCT RULE 82*quater*.2(a)

IB International Bureau of WIPO

In accordance with PCT Rule 82*quater*.2(a) concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office or organization, the **International Bureau of WIPO** hereby notifies the following period of unavailability of its permitted electronic means of communication:

– ePCT system and ePCT Business Continuity Service: from 21 April 2026, 10:15 p.m. CET (Central European Time) to 22 April 2026, 9:15 a.m. CET

Applicants who did not meet a time limit fixed in the PCT Regulations due to the above-mentioned unavailability may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82*quater*.2(a), in accordance with the applicable conditions published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 16 November 2023, pages 217 and 218.

Information concerning this unavailability has been published on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/texts/unavailability

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LV Latvia

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Latvia** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its location and mailing address, its telephone number and its e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Citadeles iela 6A Riga, LV-1010 Latvia
Telephone:	(371) 6709 96 00
E-mail:	pasts@lrpv.gov.lv

[Updating of Annex B(LV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MD Republic of Moldova
EP European Patent Organisation

On 25 March 2026, the **Republic of Moldova** deposited its instrument of accession to the *European Patent Convention (EPC)* and will become bound by that Convention on 1 June 2026. Consequently, as from 1 June 2026, it will be possible for applicants to designate the Republic of Moldova in their international applications for the purposes of obtaining a European patent.

Moreover, from 1 June 2026, nationals and residents of the Republic of Moldova will be able to file international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office, in addition to the State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova) or the International Bureau of WIPO.

The validation agreement between the Republic of Moldova and the European Patent Organisation will terminate with the entry into force of the EPC in the Republic of Moldova on 1 June 2026. After that date it will no longer be possible to validate European patent applications and patents in the Republic of Moldova. The validation system will, however, continue to apply to European and international applications filed prior to 1 June 2026, as well as to European patents granted in respect of such applications.

[Updating of Annexes B(MD), B(EP) and C(EP), and of the National Chapter, Summary (EP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2026, are CHF 93 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 415 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2026, are EUR 90, or EUR 22 in the case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution.

[Updating of Annex D(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India - Corrigendum

The indication of "an individual" as the category of applicants to which certain new equivalent amounts of the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office** apply, published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 10 July 2025 (page 109) and 19 March 2026 (page 49), was incorrect. The correct indication is "a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution."

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation**). These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2026, are CHF 93 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 467 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 July 2026, are CHF 125 and CHF 197 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its location and mailing address, and facsimile number, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address: (for general enquiries)
Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent)
Berezhkovskaya nab. 30-1
Moscow, G-59, GSP-3, 121059
Russian Federation

(for application processing)
Federal Institute of Industrial Property (FIPS)
Berezhkovskaya nab. 30-1
Moscow, GSP-1, 119991
Russian Federation

Facsimile: (7-495) 531 63 36

[Updating of Annex B(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 sheets, as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2026, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD	2,362
Fee per sheet in excess of 30 sheets:	AUD	27
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	AUD	355
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	AUD	533

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2026, is SGD 2,016.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Australian dollars (AUD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 July 2026, is AUD 355.

[Updating of Annex E(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2026, are EUR 436 and USD 513.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

HU Hungary

New equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forints (HUF)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 sheets (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2026, are as follows:

International filing fee:	HUF	517,500
Fee per sheet in excess of 30 sheets:	HUF	5,800
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	HUF	77,800
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	HUF	116,700

[Updating of Annex C(HU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2026, is USD 1,446.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d), a new equivalent amount in **Israeli new shekels (ILS)** has been established for the handling fee. This amount, also applicable from 1 July 2026, is ILS 755.

[Updating of Annex E(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

BS Bahamas

On 19 May 2026, the **Bahamas** deposited its instrument of accession to the *Patent Cooperation Treaty* (PCT) and will become bound by the PCT on **19 August 2026**. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 19 August 2026 will automatically include the designation of the Bahamas (country code: BS).

The Bahamas will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 19 August 2026.

Furthermore, as from 19 August 2026, nationals and residents of the Bahamas will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

The instrument of accession contains a declaration under Article 64(5) of the PCT that the Bahamas does not consider itself bound by Article 59 of the PCT.

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2026, is CHF 1,239.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2026, is EUR 1,241.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2026, are USD 104, or USD 26 in the case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution.

[Updating of Annex D(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CN China

The **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has clarified requirements concerning the time limits for the payment of certain national fees, which are as follows: the filing fee for patents and for utility models, and the application publication fee for patents, must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1); any applicable additional filing fee for patents and for utility models, if not paid at the same time, may be paid upon invitation by the Office.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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PL Poland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification last published in its entirety in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 5 November 2015 (pages 178 *et seq*.).

In particular, as from 1 August 2026, the Office will no longer accept the filing of international applications and other documents and correspondence relating to international applications in electronic form using EPO Online Filing (eOLF). Consequently, the Office will accept international applications and other documents and correspondence relating to international applications in electronic form according to the following requirements:

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

– ePCT Filing

[Updating of Annex C(PL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EC Ecuador

The **National Service of Intellectual Rights (SENADI) (Ecuador)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its email addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail: (for general enquiries)
info@senadi.gob.ec

(for PCT enquiries)
relacionesinternacionales@senadi.gob.ec
pct@senadi.gob.ec

[Updating of Annex B(EC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LK Sri Lanka

The **National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its email address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: dg@nipo.gov.lk

[Updating of Annex B(LK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MT Malta

The **Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Department (Malta)** has notified the International Bureau of clarifications concerning the requirements for representation before the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, as follows:

- an agent is not required if the applicant resides in a State member of the European Union or a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area;
- an agent is required if the applicant does not reside in a State member of the European Union or a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area.

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HN Honduras

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Honduras)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail: patentes@ip.gob.hn
Lorena.garcia@ip.gob.hn

[Updating of Annex B(HN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forints (HUF)** and **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2026, are HUF 670,800 and NOK 20,280.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2026, is CHF 1,170.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Ministry of Intellectual Property of the Republic of Korea (MOIP)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2026, are NZD 501 for international applications filed in Korean or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and NZD 1,336 for international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts of fees in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 sheets (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2026, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NOK	15,700
Fee per sheet in excess of 30 sheets:	NOK	180
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	NOK	2,360
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	NOK	3,540

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2026, is NOK 20,280.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2026, is NOK 20,280.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MT Malta

The **Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Department (Malta)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to one of its telephone numbers. The telephone numbers are now as follows:

Telephone:	(356) 2569 0100 (356) 2569 0101

[Updating of Annex B(MT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning its facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means of communication (PCT Rule 92.4) – with effect from 1 November 2026, the Office will discontinue the use of its facsimile services and will no longer accept the filing of documents by facsimile machine.

[Updating of Annex B(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SM San Marino

The **Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning its facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means of communication (PCT Rule 92.4) – since 8 June 2026, the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and, consequently, no longer accepts the filing of documents by facsimile machine.

In addition, from the same date, all kinds of documents may be transmitted to the Office by e-mail at: info.brevettiemarchi@pa.sm, and the original of the document is not required.

[Updating of Annex B(SM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2026, are EUR 106 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 472 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Chinese Yuan Renminbi (CNY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2026, is CNY 14,870.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Ministry of Intellectual Property of the Republic of Korea (MOIP)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2026, are EUR 255 and USD 294 for international applications filed in Korean or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and EUR 679 and USD 783 for international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation**). These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2026, are EUR 106 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 531 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Hungarian forints (HUF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2026, is HUF 670,800.

[Updating of Annex D(XV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EG Egypt

The **Egyptian Intellectual Property Authority**, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the types of physical media accepted by the Authority for the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings in electronic form, under PCT Rule 13*ter*.1 and in accordance with Annex C of the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT*, which are now as follows: CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD, DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex D(EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2026, is EUR 266.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

BG Bulgaria

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** has provided the International Bureau with a clarification concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office – any attorney or patent agent registered to practice before the Office may now act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(BG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BG Bulgaria

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** has provided the International Bureau with a clarification concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office – any attorney or patent agent registered to practice before the Office may now act as such.

[Updating of National Chapter, Summary (BG), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EXCUSE OF DELAY UNDER PCT RULE 82*quater*.2: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU UNDER PCT RULE 82*quater*.2(a)

IB International Bureau of WIPO

In accordance with PCT Rule 82*quater*.2(a) concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office or organization, the **International Bureau of WIPO** hereby notifies the following period of unavailability of one of its permitted electronic means of communication due to intermittent outages:

– ePCT system: from 7 June 2026, 10:46 p.m. CEST (Central European Summer Time) to 8 June 2026, 2:59 a.m. CEST

Applicants who did not meet a time limit fixed in the PCT Regulations due to the above-mentioned unavailability may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82*quater*.2(a), in accordance with the applicable conditions published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 16 November 2023, pages 217 and 218.

Information concerning this unavailability has been published on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/texts/unavailability

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CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Costa Rica)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its website address, which is now as follows:

Website: https://www.rnpdigital.com/registro_propiedad_intelectual/

[Updating of Annex B(CR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

QA Qatar

The **Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail: patent-ip@moci.gov.qa
falmotawa@moci.gov.qa
saljehani@moci.gov.qa
salobaidli@moci.gov.qa

[Updating of Annex B(QA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Costa Rica)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office and applicable since 1 January 2026, as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD	25
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	USD	160

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DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Costa Rica)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for reinstatement of rights (PCT Rule 49.6(d)(i)), in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2026, is USD 160.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(d)), in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable since 1 January 2026, is USD 160.

DZ Algeria

The **Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its national fee[1]. The national fee components and the amounts, in **Algerian dinars (DZD)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2026, are as follows:

	Companies	*Universities, research centers*	*Start-ups, natural persons*
Filing fee and maintenance fee for the 1st year:	DZD 15,000	DZD 7,000	DZD 6,500
Fee for priority claims, per priority:	DZD 10,000	DZD 5,000	DZD 2,000
Publication fee:	DZD 10,000	DZD 5,000	DZD 3,000
— Surcharge for each set of 5 pages in excess of 10	DZD 5,000	DZD 2,000	DZD 1,200
Maintenance fee:			
— from the 2nd to the 5th year, per year	DZD 5,000	DZD 4,000	DZD 3,000

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (DZ) of the PCT Applicant's Guide]

QA Qatar

The **Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to the national fee[2]. As from 10 June 2024, the filing and substantive examination fee, in **Qatari riyals (QAR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, is QAR 5,000 for applications filed by companies, institutions, and research entities, or QAR 2,500 for applications filed by individuals.

[Updating of National Chapter, Summary (QA), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[1] The national fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). The VAT of 19% must be added to the amounts of the fees.

[2] This fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

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BG Bulgaria

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning its facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means of communication (PCT Rule 92.4) – since 20 February 2026, the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and, consequently, no longer accepts the filing of documents by facsimile machine.

[Updating of Annex B(BG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning its facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means of communication (PCT Rule 92.4) – since 1 July 2026, the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and, consequently, no longer accepts the filing of documents by facsimile machine.

[Updating of Annex B(HU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

OA African Intellectual Property Organization

The **African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone numbers and website address, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(237) 222 20 57 00 (fixed line) (237) 677 11 40 84 (WhatsApp)
Website:	https://oapi.int/

The Office has also notified the International Bureau that it now sends notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications.

In addition, the Office has clarified the types of protection available via the PCT where the OAPI is designated (or elected), which consist of OAPI patents, OAPI certificates of addition, OAPI certificates of registration of utility models and OAPI certificates of improvement.

[Updating of Annex B(OA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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BW Botswana

The **Companies and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA) (Botswana)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2026, is USD 50.

[Updating of Annex C(BW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

OA African Intellectual Property Organization

The **African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Central African CFA francs (XAF)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2025, is XAF 50,000.

[Updating of Annex C(OA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2026, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	12.85	(online)
	EUR	25.69	(on paper)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	19.27	(electronic copy)
	EUR	51.37	(paper copy)
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	EUR	192.63	(request filed online)
	EUR	385.26	(request filed on paper)

[Updating of Annex C(PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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OA African Intellectual Property Organization

The **African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its national fee. The national fee components and the amounts, in **Central African CFA francs (XAF)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable from 1 January 2025, are as follows:

National fee[1]:

For patents

Filing fee[2]:	XAF	225,000
Examination fee:	XAF	250,000
Fee for priority claims, per priority:	XAF	75,000
Publication fee[2]:	XAF	365,000
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	XAF	65,000
Fee for acceptance of description and drawings:		
– for 11 to 20 sheets	XAF	120,000
– for 21 to 30 sheets	XAF	300,000
– for 31 to 40 sheets	XAF	600,000
– after 40 for each set of 10 sheets	XAF	80,000
Annual fee[3]:		
– for the 2nd and 3rd year, per year	XAF	270,000

For utility models

Filing fee[2]:	XAF	20,000
Examination fee:	XAF	25,000
Fee for priority claims, per priority:	XAF	25,000
Publication fee[2]:	XAF	30,000
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	XAF	45,000
Annual fee[3]:		
– for the 2nd and 3rd year, per year	XAF	20,000

[1] The complete list of national fees is available at the following addresses:
https://oapi.int/en/the-applicable-taxes-on-patents-and-certificates-of-addition/
https://oapi.int/en/applicable-taxes-on-utility-models/

[2] This fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) and on the day of entry into the OAPI regional phase.

[3] Annual fees are calculated from the international filing date.

The Office has also notified the International Bureau of a change concerning its requirements as to whether a copy of the international application is required upon entry into the national phase – the applicant is only required to send a copy of the international application if the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau in accordance with PCT Article 20. This may occur when the applicant expressly requests early entry into the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2).

[Updating of National Chapter, Summary (OA), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the national filing fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2026, are as follows:

National fee[4]:

For a patent:

Filing fee[5]:	EUR 128.42	(online)
	EUR 256.84	(on paper)

For a utility model:

Filing fee[5]:	EUR 224.75	(online)
	EUR 449.50	(on paper)

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(d)), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2026, are EUR 192.63 where the request is filed online and EUR 385.26 where the request is filed on paper.

[4] If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the applicant may still pay the fee within one month from the expiration of the applicable time limit, subject to the payment of a surcharge equal to 50% of the filing fee.

[5] The filing fee includes publication and examination.

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)

BG Bulgaria

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of requirements concerning the waivers of a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c). The Office has not made any waiver under those rules and requires that a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted.

[Updating of Annex C(BG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CY Cyprus

The **Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus** has notified the International Bureau of a change to the name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Name of Office:	Department of Registrar of Companies and Intellectual Property (Cyprus)

[Updating of Annex B(CY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NL Netherlands (Kingdom of the)

The **Netherlands Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its email address, which is now as follows:

E-mail:	info@octrooicentrum.nl

[Updating of Annex B(NL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

ZA South Africa

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 sheets, as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2026, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	26,800
Fee per sheet in excess of 30 sheets:	ZAR	300
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ZAR	4,030
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ZAR	6,040

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CY Cyprus

The **Department of Registrar of Companies and Intellectual Property (Cyprus)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the number of copies of an international application required by it if the application is filed on paper – three copies must now be filed, instead of one.

[Updating of Annex C(CY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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LC Saint Lucia

The **Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property (Saint Lucia)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its location and mailing address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Cnr. Micoud and Chisel Streets Castries Saint Lucia

[Updating of Annex B(LC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

OA African Intellectual Property Organization

The **African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning its facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means of communication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and, consequently, no longer accepts the filing of documents by facsimile machine.

[Updating of Annex B(OA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts in **Chinese Yuan Renminbi (CNY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 sheets, as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2026, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CNY	11,220
Fee per sheet in excess of 30 sheets:	CNY	130
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	CNY	1,690
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	CNY	2,530

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In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Chinese Yuan Renminbi (CNY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 September 2026, is CNY 1,690.

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EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Intellectual Property Authority**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2026, are CHF 64, EUR 70 and USD 80, respectively.

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OA African Intellectual Property Organization

The **African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)** has provided the International Bureau with a clarification concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office – any industrial property attorney or agent registered to practice before the OAPI may act as such. A list of agents is available at: https://oapi.int/en/approved-agents/

[Updating of Annex C(OA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

OA African Intellectual Property Organization

The **African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)** has provided the International Bureau with a clarification concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office – any industrial property attorney or agent registered to practice before the OAPI may act as such. A list of agents is available at: https://oapi.int/en/approved-agents/

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TM Turkmenistan

The **State Service for Intellectual Property of the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its location and mailing address, its website address, and the types of protection available via the PCT where Turkmenistan is designated (or elected), which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Archabil av., 156 744000 Ashgabat c. Turkmenistan
Website:	https://fineconomic.gov.tm
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, Limited patents Eurasian: Patents

The Office has also notified the International Bureau of the provisions of its national legislation concerning restrictions to the filing of international applications with foreign Offices.

Pursuant to the *Law No.629-V of 4 November 2017 on the Legal Protection of Inventions (IPL)*, the restrictions apply to inventions created in Turkmenistan. An invention created in Turkmenistan may be filed abroad or with an international organization only after four months have elapsed from the date of filing a corresponding application with the Office, provided that within that period the applicant has not been notified that the application contains information constituting a State secret (IPL, Article 40(1)). If the applicant is notified that the application contains a State secret, foreign filing is not permitted and the legal protection of the invention is governed by the legislation on secret inventions (IPL, Article 5(3)). The restriction does not apply if an international application is filed with the Office as receiving Office. In that case, no prior national filing is required and no waiting period is imposed (IPL, Article 40(2)). However, the State secret prohibition described above continues to apply. Further information may be obtained directly from the Office.

In addition, the Office has notified the International Bureau of provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication – provisional protection is afforded only from the date the Office publishes the application details in its Bulletin. Such publication takes place after the required translation into the Turkmen language has been furnished and the relevant fees have been paid following entry into the national phase (IPL, Articles 5(4) and 21(3)).

Furthermore, the Office has modified its requirements concerning the time when the name and address of the inventor must be provided if Turkmenistan is designated (or elected), as follows:

The name and address of the inventor must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiry of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of three months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

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CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2026, is CHF 249.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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TM Turkmenistan

Pursuant to Section 332(e) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **State Service for Intellectual Property of the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the Office accepts English and Russian as languages in which the request may be filed (PCT Rule 12.1(c)).

[Updating of Annex C(TM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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TM Turkmenistan

The **State Service for Intellectual Property of the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan** has notified the International Bureau of a new time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3). This time limit, applicable since 4 November 2017, is 31 months from the priority date.

The Office has also notified the International Bureau of changes to the components of its national fee, including a new amount of the claim fee (as applicable from 5 July 2018), in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The national fee components and amounts are now as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee[1]:	USD	100
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one[2]:	USD	30
Maintenance fee for patent (limited patent), for the 1st year:	USD	50

In addition, the Office has notified the International Bureau of the criterion applicable to requests for reinstatement of rights[3] (PCT Rule 49.6(a)) and the amount of the fee (PCT Rule 49.6(d)(i)), in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. The Office applies the "unintentional" criterion to requests for reinstatement of rights and the amount of the fee, applicable since 5 July 2018, is USD 70.

Furthermore, the Office has notified the International Bureau of a change in the conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, which are now as follows:

Fees are reduced by 90% for applicants who are individuals permanently residing in Turkmenistan (citizens of Turkmenistan, foreign citizens and stateless persons). Additional fee exemptions or a 50% reduction of certain fees may be available upon request for citizens of Turkmenistan belonging to specific socially protected categories (war veterans, disabled persons, students, etc.).

Overpaid fees, or fees paid for an action that was not performed, may be refunded upon request made within three years from the date of payment.

Finally, the Office has notified the International Bureau that the language of the translation[4] of the international application for entry into the national phase before the Office must now be Turkmen.

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1 The filing fee includes publication and limited examination for one independent claim and must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).
2 This fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).
3 Under PCT Rule 49.6(b), the Office allows the request for reinstatement of rights to be filed within three months from the date of removal of the cause of the failure to meet the applicable time limit under Article 22.
4 The translation must be furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

LANGUAGES ACCEPTED FOR LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT FREE TEXT UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(d): NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER SECTION 332(a-*bis*) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

TM Turkmenistan

In accordance with Section 332(a-*bis*) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **State Service for Intellectual Property of the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it accepts language-dependent free text in English or Russian for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description under PCT Rule 12.1(d). The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and Russian within a single sequence listing.

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WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)

TM Turkmenistan

The **State Service for Intellectual Property of the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of requirements concerning the waivers of a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c). The Office has not made any waiver under those rules and requires that a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted.

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CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its location and mailing address[1], as well as its website address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Calle 24 # 7-43 Edificio 7-24 Bogotá D.C. Colombia
Website:	https://sedeelectronica.sic.gov.co/

[Updating of Annex B(CO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2026, is USD 310.

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[1] The former alternate address for correspondence and filing service is no longer maintained, since no separate address, distinct from the location and mailing address of the Office, is designated for this service.

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BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2026, is CHF 400.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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BS Bahamas
IB International Bureau of WIPO

Pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), the **Bahamas Intellectual Property Office (BAHIPO)** has notified the International Bureau that it delegates its functions as receiving Office to the International Bureau of WIPO, with effect from 19 August 2026.

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTINGS: NOTIFICATIONS BY INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES OF APPLICABLE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office**, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the types of physical media accepted by the Authority for the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings in electronic form, under PCT Rule 13*ter*.1 and in accordance with Annex C of the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT*. The applicable requirement is now as follows:

An entire copy of the sequence listing and identifying data should be contained within one XML file (compliant with WIPO Standard ST.26) on a single USB drive.

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BS Bahamas

General information on the **Bahamas** as a PCT Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Bahamas Intellectual Property Office (BAHIPO)** as a designated Office under the PCT concerning the deposit of biological material, are now available in Annexes B(BS) and L(BS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* respectively, which are published at the end of the present issue of the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)*.

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BS Bahamas
IB International Bureau of WIPO

The **Bahamas Intellectual Property Office (BAHIPO)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Bahamas with the International Bureau of WIPO as receiving Office, with effect from 19 August 2026.

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Contracting State:
Bahamas

Two-letter code:
BS

Name of Office:
Bahamas Intellectual Property Office (BAHIPO)

Location:
Bahamas Financial Centre
Second Floor South
Shirley & Charlotte Streets
Nassau
Bahamas

Mailing address:
Same as above

Telephone:
(1-242) 397 89 50

E-mail:
bahipo@bahamas.gov.bs

Website:
http://www.bahamas.gov.bs

Facsimile:
Information not yet available

Does the Office accept the filing of documents by facsimile or the like means (PCT Rule 92.4)?
Information not yet available

Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?
Yes

Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?
No

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Is the Office prepared to allow applicants to make applications available to the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (PCT Rule 17.1(b-*bis*)?

More information about WIPO DAS is available at: https://www.wipo.int/en/web/das.

No

Competent receiving Office(s) for international applications filed by nationals or residents of this State:

IB

Competent designated (or elected) Office(s) for this State:

BS

Types of protection available via the PCT:

Patents, Utility models

Payment methods accepted by the Office:

Payments of national fees can be made to the Office by cheque, bank draft, credit or debit card.

Availability under the national law for an international-type search (PCT Article 15):

None

Provisional protection after international publication:

None

Information of interest if this Contracting State is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given:

May be in the request or must be furnished within two months from the date of the invitation

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes, refer to Annex L.

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Annex L - Deposits of Microorganisms and Other Biological Material

Requirements of designated and elected Offices

Only Offices whose applicable national law contains provisions concerning the deposits of microorganisms and other biological material are listed in Annex L. Unless otherwise indicated, deposits may be made for the purposes of patent procedure before these Offices with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure.

For a list of these institutions refer to:

https://www.wipo.int/documents/d/treaties/docs-en-registration-budapest-idalist.pdf (and the detailed requirements for each institution at: https://www.wipo.int/en/web/budapest-system/guide/section_d/subsection_c)

Notifications related thereto may be consulted under:

https://www.wipo.int/en/web/treaties/registration/budapest/index

Further information concerning the requirements of international depository authorities under the Budapest Treaty is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/en/web/budapest-system/guide/index

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:

— the indications prescribed in Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii):

At the time of filing, in the description

— any additional indications:

None

Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Office:

None

Additional information

Deposits may be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Bahamas Intellectual Property Office (BAHIPO) with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure.

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JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2026, is KRW 1,268,000.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)**, **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** and **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Ministry of Intellectual Property of the Republic of Korea (MOIP)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2026, are EUR 275, NZD 539 and CHF 258 for international applications filed in Korean or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and EUR 733, NZD 1,436 and CHF 688 for international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d), a new equivalent amount in **won (KRW)** has been established for the handling fee. This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2026, is KRW 349,000.

[Updating of Annex E(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

BS Bahamas
IB International Bureau of WIPO

The **Bahamas Intellectual Property Office (BAHIPO)** has specified the Canadian Intellectual Property Office – in addition to the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Bahamas with the International Bureau of WIPO as receiving Office, with effect from 31 August 2026.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EFFECT OF RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES: NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF COMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS

MX Mexico

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49*ter*.1(g) published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* No. 22/2006 of 1 June 2006, page 15990, the **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau that, since 4 April 2026, the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as designated Office under the PCT is no longer incompatible with PCT Rule 49*ter.*1(a) to (d).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY: NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF COMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS

MX Mexico

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(h) published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* No. 22/2006 of 1 June 2006, page 15990, the **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau that, since 4 April 2026, the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as designated Office under the PCT is no longer incompatible with PCT Rule 49*ter.*2(a) to (g).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau of clarifications concerning its location and mailing address, which are now as follows:

Location:
United States Patent and Trademark Office
600 Dulany Street
Alexandria
VA 22314
United States of America

Mailing address:
(for delivery by United States Postal Service (USPS))
Mail Stop PCT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria
VA 22313-1450
United States of America

(for delivery by other delivery services)
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop PCT
Knox Building, Room 1D80
501 Dulany Street
Alexandria
VA 22314
United States of America

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CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) for international applications filed on paper, in **Colombian pesos (COP)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 13 February 2026, is COP 476,000.

[Updating of Annex C(CO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2026, are CHF 84, EUR 93 and USD 104 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 373, EUR 411 and USD 462 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Ministry of Intellectual Property of the Republic of Korea (MOIP)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2026, are USD 325 for international applications filed in Korean or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and USD 867 for international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2026, are CHF 84, EUR 93 and USD 104 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 420, EUR 463 and USD 520 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 November 2026, are CHF 112 and CHF 177 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the annual fees component of the national fee[1] for patents, in **Colombian pesos (COP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable since 13 February 2026, are as follows:

For a patent:	Online	On paper
Annual fees:		
– for the 1st to the 4th year, per year	COP 388,000 (577,500)[2]	COP 466,000 (692,500)[2]

In addition, the Office has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the fee for reinstatement of rights (PCT Rule 49.6(d)(i)), in **Colombian pesos (COP)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, also applicable since 13 February 2026, are COP 942,500 when filing electronically and COP 1,129,500 when filing on paper.

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[1] The national fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

[2] The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of late payment within a grace period of six months from the due date.

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KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone numbers and website address, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(7-7172) 62 15 15 (7-727) 344 03 94 (Almaty Branch Office)
Website:	https://kazpatent.kz/en/

[Updating of Annex B(KZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2026, is KRW 2,989,000.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Ministry of Intellectual Property of the Republic of Korea (MOIP)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2026, are SGD 419 for international applications filed in Korean or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and SGD 1,117 for international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

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SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2026, is KRW 2,525,000.

[Updating of Annex D(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

BS Bahamas
IB International Bureau of WIPO

The **Bahamas Intellectual Property Office (BAHIPO)** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) and the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) – in addition to the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) and the Canadian Intellectual Property Office – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Bahamas with the International Bureau of WIPO as receiving Office, with effect from 19 August 2026 and 10 September 2026, respectively.

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KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Kazakh tenge (KZT)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office and applicable since 1 January 2026, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	KZT	10,631.40
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):		
– in case of filing by a legal entity	KZT	2,828.08
– in case of filing by a natural person	KZT	1,139.28

[Updating of Annex C(KZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the components of the national fee, in **Kazakh tenge (KZT)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2026, as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee and fee for formal examination[1]:	KZT	21,045.88
Fee for substantive examination:	KZT	69,350.60
Annual fee for the first three years, per year:	KZT	21,045.88

For a utility model:

Filing fee[2]:	KZT	17,038.08
Annual fee for the first three years, per year:	KZT	17,038.08

[1] This fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) or within two months from the date of entry into the national phase. This time limit can be extended by two months, provided that a surcharge of 11% is paid. Fees for electronic and paper filing were amended to be equal by Order of the Director of the NIIP No. 254 dated 23 December 2020.

[2] This fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) or within two months from the date of entry into the national phase. Fees for electronic and paper filing were amended to be equal by Order of the Director of the NIIP No. 254 dated 23 December 2020.

In addition, the Office has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for reinstatement of rights (PCT Rule 49.6(d)(i)), in **Kazakh tenge (KZT)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable since 1 January 2026, is KZT 32,660.96.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (KZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guid*e]

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SY Syrian Arab Republic

The **Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection, Directorate of Industrial and Commercial Property Protection (Syrian Arab Republic)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the name of the Office, its location and mailing address, as well as its website address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Property Protection (Syrian Arab Republic)
Location and mailing address:	Ministry of Economy and Industry General Directorate of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection Rukn Aldeen Facing Ibn Alnafis Damascus Syrian Arab Republic
Website:	https://sit.mitcp.gov.sy

[Updating of Annex B(SY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Australian dollars (AUD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2026, is AUD 3,035.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MG Madagascar

The **Industrial Property Office of Madagascar** has notified the International Bureau that it will act as receiving Office for applicants who are residents or nationals of Madagascar, with effect from 2 January 2027.

REVISED VERSION OF WIPO STANDARD ST.26

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

In accordance with the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, Annex C, paragraph 5, and following the adoption of version 2.0 of WIPO Standard ST.26 by the thirteenth session of the Committee on WIPO Standards (refer to document CWS/13/16 Rev. and paragraph 112 of document CWS/13/33), the Director General has decided that the new version of the Standard shall enter into force on July 1, 2027 for international applications filed on or after that date, with the exception that paragraph 8 of the revised Standard shall apply to international applications as from that date independent of their filing date.

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swedish kronor (SEK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2026, is SEK 21,210.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Ministry of Intellectual Property of the Republic of Korea (MOIP)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2026, are NZD 599 for international applications filed in Korean or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and NZD 1,597 for international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

SG Singapore

Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[1] – Amendment to Annex A

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 November 2026, consists of the addition of the **Bahamas** to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex.

As from 1 November 2026, the amended Annex A will read as follows:

Annex A
States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

(i) the following States for which it will act:

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

Singapore, Australia, Bahamas, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United States of America, Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

Singapore, Australia, Bahamas, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United States of America, Viet Nam.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

(ii) [No change]

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/documents/d/pct-system/docs-en-agreements-ag-sg.pdf

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SE Sweden

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swedish kronor (SEK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2026, is SEK 21,210.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swedish kronor (SEK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2026, is SEK 21,210.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

BS Bahamas
IB International Bureau of WIPO

The **Bahamas Intellectual Property Office (BAHIPO)** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore – in addition to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) and the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Bahamas with the International Bureau of WIPO as receiving Office, with effect from 1 November 2026.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULES 26*bis*.3 AND 49*ter*.2

TM Turkmenistan

In accordance with PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g), the **State Service for Intellectual Property of the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan** has notified the International Bureau that it applies the "unintentional" criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

The Office has also notified the International Bureau of the amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority, in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)). This amount, applicable from 5 July 2018, is USD 70.

[Updating of Annex C(TM) and of the National Chapter, Summary (TM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified the International Bureau of the amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority, in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office (PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(d)). This amount, applicable from 5 July 2018, is USD 70.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

LV Latvia

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Latvia** has notified the International Bureau of a change to the name of the Office, with the new name effective 1 January 2027, as follows:

Name of Office: Latvian Intellectual Property Office

[Updating of Annex B(LV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2027, is KRW 2,044,000.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2027, is ISK 257,100.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD), Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Ministry of Intellectual Property of the Republic of Korea (MOIP)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2027, are AUD 484, CHF 279 and EUR 301 for international applications filed in Korean or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and AUD 1,292, CHF 745 and EUR 804 for international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d), a new equivalent amount in **won (KRW)** has been established for the handling fee. This amount, also applicable from 1 January 2027, is KRW 322,300.

[Updating of Annex E(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)**. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2027, is ISK 257,100.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2027, is ISK 257,100.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5(i), it is to be noted that, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2027, **the International Bureau will not be open** to the public for the transaction of official business on the following days:

all Saturdays and Sundays, and
1 January 2027,
26 and 29 March 2027,
6 May 2027,
17 May 2027,
2 August 2027, and
24 and 31 December 2027.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** (including in its capacity as receiving Office) and **not** national Offices or other intergovernmental organizations. Additional information concerning closed dates at the International Bureau is available at:

https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/ClosedDates.xhtml?lang=en