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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

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 2025.

With effect from 1 March 2025, 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 (Israel new shekel)**
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	4,101
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	4,101
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,758
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	amount as set out in Rule 58*bis*.2
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,758
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13*ter*.1(c) and 13*ter*.2)	527
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1*ter* and 94.2), per document	50

Part II. [No change]

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND RECEIVING OFFICES

UY Uruguay

General information on **Uruguay** as a PCT Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **National Directorate of Industrial Property (DNPI) (Uruguay)** as a receiving Office under the PCT and information on its requirements as a designated Office concerning the deposit of biological material, are now available in Annexes B(UY), C(UY) and L(UY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* respectively, which are published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

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IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for priority document, applicable from 1 March 2025, in **Israeli new shekels (ILS)** and payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ILS	100

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2025 (and until 28 February 2025), are CHF 976 and EUR 1,049, respectively.

In addition, 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 2025, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	4,101
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	4,101
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1(c)):	ILS	527
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 94.1*ter*), per document:	ILS	50

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

Finally, 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 2025, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	ILS	1,758
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	ILS	1,758
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.2):	ILS	527
Cost of copies (Rules 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document:	ILS	50

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

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Annex B - Information on Contracting States or Intergovernmental Organization

Contracting State:
Uruguay

Two-letter code:
UY

Name of Office:
National Directorate of Industrial Property (DNPI) (Uruguay) (Uruguay)

Location:
Rincón 719 – Piso 3º
C.P.: 11000
Montevideo
Uruguay

Mailing address:
Same as above

Telephone:
(598) 2840 1234 (extensions 4451, 4460, 4404)

E-mail:
pct.dnpi@miem.gub.uy
secretaria.dnpi@miem.gub.uy

Website:
https://www.gub.uy/ministerio-industria-energia-mineria/institucional/estructura-del-organismo/direccion-nacional-propiedad-industrial
https://www.gub.uy/ministerio-industria-energia-mineria/marcas-patentes

Facsimile:
None

Does the Office accept the filing of documents by facsimile or the like means (PCT Rule 92.4)?
No

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

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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)? Yes, provided that the delivery service is: DHL, FedEx, UES, UPS
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*)? No
Competent receiving Office(s) for international applications filed by nationals or residents of this State: IB, UY Does national legislation restrict the filing of international applications with foreign Offices? No
Competent designated (or elected) Office(s) for this State: UY
Types of protection available via the PCT: Patents, Utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of a national patent)
Payment methods accepted by the Office: Payment must be made on DNPI's online filing system, in the payment module: https://rad.miem.gub.uy/login/auth
Availability under the national law for an international-type search (PCT Article 15): No
Provisional protection after international publication: No

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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 may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22, the applicant has two months from the time limit specified under Rule 51*bis*.3 to furnish the information

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

Yes, refer to Annex L.

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Annex C - Receiving Office

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:
Uruguay

Language in which international applications may be filed:
Spanish

Language accepted for language-dependent free text in the sequence listing:
Spanish

Language in which the request may be filed:
Spanish

Number of copies required by the receiving Office if application filed on paper:
1

Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form?

Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (refer to “Fees payable to the RO”).

Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format; no fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format.

The relevant notification by the Office will be published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) shortly.

Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing

Does the receiving Office accept the submission of pre-conversion documents and, if yes, in which format (Section 706 of the PCT Administrative Instructions)?
Yes, Microsoft Word (.DOCX) and PDF

Does the receiving Office accept incorporation by reference (PCT Rule 20.6)?
Yes

Does the receiving Office accept the submission of color drawings on an informal basis and transmit them to the International Bureau?
Yes

Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3)?
Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests

Competent International Searching Authority:
BR, CL

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Annex C - Receiving Office (*Cont'd*)

Fees payable to the RO:

Transmittal fee:

Equivalent in UYU of 100 USD

International filing fee:

This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (refer to Annex C(IB)).

Equivalent in UYU of 1,555 USD

Fee per sheet in excess of 30:

This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (refer to Annex C(IB)).

Equivalent in UYU of 18 USD

Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):

Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):

Equivalent in UYU of 234 USD

Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):

Equivalent in UYU of 351 USD

Search fee:

Refer to
Annex D(CL)

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):

The Office's fees are established in Indexed Units (UI) (Art. 117 of Law on Patents No. 17.164, as amended by Art. 398 of Law on Patents No. 18.719), 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.

Refer to the Office

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):

Equivalent in UYU of 400 USD

Is an agent required by the receiving Office?

No

Who can act as agent?

Any natural or legal person residing in Uruguay

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Waiver of power of attorney:

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

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

No

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

No

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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:

http://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/pdf/idalist.pdf (and the detailed requirements for each institution at: https://www.wipo.int/budapest/en/guide/section_d/subsection_c.html)

Notifications related thereto may be consulted under:

http://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/

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

http://www.wipo.int/budapest/en/guide/index.html

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:

To the extent available to the applicant, a description of the characteristics and an indication of the usefulness of the microorganism and/or other biological material

Additional information

Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the National Directorate of Industrial Property (DNPI) (Uruguay) with any depositary institution under the Budapest Treaty

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BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** 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 March 2025, are CHF 246 and EUR 262 for international applications filed online and CHF 368 and EUR 392 for international applications filed on paper.

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

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable from 19 January 2025, are as follows:

			Small entity	*Micro entity*
Transmittal fee[1] (PCT Rule 14):	USD	285	114	57
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	USD	2,260	904	452

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

UY Uruguay

The **National Directorate of Industrial Property (DNPI) (Uruguay)** has specified the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office – in addition to the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) and the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) – as competent International Searching Authority, with effect since 7 January 2025, for international applications filed with DNPI or with the receiving Office of the International Bureau of WIPO, by nationals and residents of Uruguay.

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

[1] In addition, there is a non-electronic filing fee applicable to international applications filed other than by the Office electronic filing system (Patent Center) of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small or micro entities, USD 200.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to several components of the national fee[2] in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes are also applicable from 19 January 2025. The list of the said components is as follows:

			Small entity	*Micro entity*
Basic national fee:[3]	USD	350	140	70
Search fee:[4]				
– IPRP (Chapter II) prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, and all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4):			[No change]	
– International search fee paid to the USPTO as ISA:	USD	150	60	30
– Search report has been prepared by an ISA other than the US and is provided or has been previously communicated by the IB to the USPTO:	USD	580	232	116
– All other situations:	USD	770	308	154
Examination fee:[4]				
– IPRP (Chapter II) prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, and all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4):			[No change]	
– All other situations:	USD	880	352	176
For every 50 sheets or fraction thereof of the specification and drawings that exceeds 100 sheets (excluding any sequence listing or computer program listing filed on an electronic medium):[4]	USD	450	180	90
Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of three:[4]	USD	600	240	120
Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20:[4]	USD	200	80	40

[2] The amounts of these fees change periodically. The United States Patent and Trademark Office or the current USPTO Fee Schedule should be consulted for the applicable amounts at: https://www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/fees-and-payment/uspto-fee-schedule.

[3] Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

[4] If not paid with the basic national fee, the USPTO will invite the applicant to pay the fee within a time period fixed in the invitation.

In addition, if the application contains one or more multiple dependent claims, per application:[4]	USD	925	370	185
Surcharge for paying any of the search fee, the examination fee, or filing the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage:[4]	USD	170	68	34
Processing fee for filing English-language translation after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1):[4]	USD	150	60	30
Mega-sequence listing filing fee:				
– submission of sequence listing of 300 MB to 800 MB:	USD	1,140	456	228
– submission of sequence listing of more than 800 MB:	USD	11,290	4,516	2,258

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

[4] If not paid with the basic national fee, the USPTO will invite the applicant to pay the fee within a time period fixed in the invitation.

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EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means of communication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the Office no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means.

The Office also notified changes in the relevant provisions of its national law concerning provisional protection after international publication – the relevant provisions include Article 9(3) of the Eurasian Patent Convention and Rules 10 and 66(2) of the Patent Regulations under the Eurasian Patent Convention.

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

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau that it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Monday, 6 January 2025 and Tuesday, 7 January 2025 due to inclement weather conditions nor on Thursday, 9 January 2025 due to a national day of mourning.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on Wednesday, 8 January 2025 or on Friday, 10 January 2025, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/ClosedDates.xhtml

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AU Australia

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 **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2025, is USD 1,383.

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

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

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 **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2025, are USD 84 for searches carried out in Russian, and USD 373 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(EA) 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 March 2025, is USD 1,118.

[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 **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2025, are USD 309 for international applications filed in Korean or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and USD 825 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 **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 March 2025, are USD 84 for searches carried out in Russian, and USD 420 for searches carried out in English.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** 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(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

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 2025, as follows:

Unitary procedural fee (for filing, search, publication and other processing)	RUB	60,000
Claim fee for each claim:		
– in excess of five:	RUB	6,500
– in excess of 20:	RUB	7,000
– in excess of 50:	RUB	7,500
Examination fee:		
– for one invention:	RUB	60,000
– for a group of inventions including one independent claim:	RUB	60,000
– additional fee for the second independent claim:	RUB	35,000
– additional fee for each independent claim in excess of two claims:	RUB	20,000

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EP European Patent Organisation

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 **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2025, is USD 1,905.

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

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2025, are CHF 1,020 and EUR 1,085, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) 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 April 2025, are USD 909 for international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3[1], and USD 1,075 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*]

[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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2025, are as follows:

International filing fee:	USD	1,456
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD	16
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request not being in character-coded format):	USD	109
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	USD	219
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	USD	328

[Updating of Annexes C(AM), C(AP), C(AZ), C(BH), C(BW), C(BY), C(BZ), C(CL), C(CR), C(DJ), C(DO), C(EA), C(EC), C(EG), C(GE), C(GH), C(HN), C(IB), C(IL), C(IN), C(IQ), C(IR), C(JM), C(JO), C(KE), C(KG), C(KH), C(KZ), C(LR), C(MD), C(MW), C(MX), C(NI), C(OM), C(PA), C(PE), C(PG), C(PH), C(QA), C(RU), C(SC), C(SV), C(SY), C(TJ), C(TM), C(TT), C(UA), C(UG), C(US), C(UY), C(UZ), C(WS), C(ZM) and C(ZW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 April 2025, is USD 219.

[Updating of Annexes E(CL), E(EA), E(EG), E(IN), E(PH), E(RU) and E(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: FEE TRANSFERS PART OF THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES

Pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2, an Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service (a "participating Office")[2] as a "collecting Office" may transfer the following fees and related differences to another Office (the "beneficiary Office") via the International Bureau, for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT:

- **international filing fee** (Rule 15.2(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office ("RO") for the benefit of the International Bureau ("IB");
- **search fee** (Rule 16.1(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority ("ISA");
- **supplementary search fee** (Rule 45*bis*.3(b)) collected by the International Bureau for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an Authority specified for supplementary search ("SISA");
- **handling fee** (Rule 57.2(c) or (d)) collected by an International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") for the benefit of the International Bureau; and
- **differences relating to the search fee** (Rule 16.1(e)) received by an Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority in a currency other than its fixed currency.[3]

Furthermore, pursuant to Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 4, the transfer of the above fees and differences, from the collecting Office to the International Bureau for the further transfer to the beneficiary Office, is considered to be the transfer of said fees in accordance with the applicable Rule, and is not considered to be a payment by the collecting Office to a third party.

[2] A participating Office may refer to any PCT receiving Office ("RO"), International Searching Authority ("ISA"), Authority specified for supplementary international search ("SISA"), or International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA").

[3] Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

List of PCT Fee Transfers that are Part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service

In accordance with Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 7 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the list of the PCT fee transfers that were part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for each participating Office[4] as of **31 December 2024** (inclusive), is as follows:

	PCT Fee Transfers				
	International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
AL General Directorate of Industrial Property (GDIP) (Albania)	Collecting RO *(fees paid directly by applicants)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for: ISA/EP*	n/a	n/a	n/a
AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, SE	n/a	n/a	n/a

[4] Rows relating to participating Offices having an agreement with the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the *Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)* are identified by light grey shading.

PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	**International Filing Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
AT Austrian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/AP, BR, CO, CU, CV, DZ, EG, GE, IB, IN, JO, KE, KR, MA, MX, OA, OM, PE, SG, SY, TT, UG, VN, ZA	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in EUR, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/AT* (BH, DJ, GH, KP, LR, LS, LY, NG, ZM, ZW)
AU Australian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/KR as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB, ID, IN, JO, KE, KR, MU, MY, NZ, OM, PH, SG, US, VN, ZA	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in AUD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/AU* (BN, GH, LR, PG, TH, ZW)
AZ Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan	Collecting RO *(fees paid directly by applicants)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EA, EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a

PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	**International Filing Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
BA Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina	Collecting RO *(fees paid directly by applicants)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
BG Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
BR National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, CL, EP, SE, US as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/CL, CO, CU, CV, IB, PA, PE	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in CHF*
BY National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)	Collecting RO *(fees paid directly by applicants)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EA, EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a

PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	**International Filing Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
CA Canadian Intellectual Property Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: (n/a) as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB, SA	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in CAD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/CA* (BZ)
CH Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
CL National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/BR, EP, ES, KR, US as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/BR, CO, CR, CU, DO, EC, IB, MX, PA, PE, TT	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in USD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/CL* (SV)

PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	**International Filing Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
CN China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)	Collecting RO	as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB, IN, IR, KE, SA	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in CNY, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/CN* (GH, KH, KP, LR, TH, ZW)
CO Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, BR, CL, EP, ES, KR, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
CR Registry of Intellectual Property (Costa Rica)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/CL, EP, ES	n/a	n/a	n/a
CU Cuban Industrial Property Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, BR, CL EP, ES, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
CV Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI) (Cabo Verde)	Collecting RO *(fees paid directly by applicants)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for:* ISA/ AT, BR, EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	**International Filing Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
CZ Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
DE German Patent and Trade Mark Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
DK Danish Patent and Trademark Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, SE, XN	n/a	n/a	n/a
DO National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/CL, EP, ES, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
DZ Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
EA Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, RU as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/AZ, BY, IB, RU	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in RUB, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/EA* (AM, KG, TJ)
EC National Service of Intellectual Rights (SENADI) (Ecuador)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/CL, EP, ES	n/a	n/a	n/a
EE Estonian Patent Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
EG Egyptian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, US as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB, IQ, OM, QA, SA, SD, SY	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in EGP, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/EG* (DJ)

PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	**International Filing Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
EP European Patent Office (EPO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: n/a as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/AL, AP, AT, AZ, BA, BG, BR, BY, CH, CL, CN, CO, CR, CU, CV, CZ, DE, DK, DO, DZ, EA, EC, EE, EG, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, GR, HR, HU, IB, ID, IE, IL, IN, IR, IS, IT, JO, JP, KE, KZ, LV, MA, MD, MK, MU, MX, MY, NI, NL, NO, NZ, OA, OM, PA, PE, PH, PL, PT, QA, RO, RS, RU, SA, SD, SE, SG, SI, SK, SY, TN, TR, TT, UG, US, VN, ZA	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in EUR, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/EP* (AM, BH, BN, BW, BZ, CY, DJ, GH, HN, KG, KH, KN, LR, LS, LT, LU, LY, MN, MT, MW, RW, SC, SV, TH, TJ, TM, UA, UZ, WS, ZW)
ES Spanish Patent and Trademark Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/CL, CO, CR, CU, DO, EC, IB, MX, NI, PA, PE	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in EGP, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/ES* (HN, SV)

PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	**International Filing Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
FI Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, SE as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: n/a *(specified only by participant RO/FI)*
FR National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
GB Intellectual Property Office[5] (United Kingdom)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
GE National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)	*Collecting RO* *(fees paid directly by applicants)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, IL, RU, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
GR Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

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

PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	**International Filing Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
HR State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
HU Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
IB International Bureau of WIPO (as Receiving Office)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for all participating ISAs, from applicants filing through* RO/IB	n/a	n/a	n/a
ID Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)	Collecting RO *(fees paid directly by applicants)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AU, EP, JP, KR, RU, SG	n/a	n/a	n/a
IE Intellectual Property Office of Ireland	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	**International Filing Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
IL Israel Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, US as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/GE, IB, US	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in USD*
IN Indian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, CN, EP, JP, SE, US as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB, IR, JP	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in INR*
IQ Iraqi Patent Office (IQPO)	Collecting RO *(fees paid directly by applicants)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EG	n/a	n/a	n/a
IR Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)	Collecting RO *(fees paid directly by applicants)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/CN, EP, IN, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a

PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	**International Filing Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
IS Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, SE, XN	n/a	n/a	n/a
IT Italian Patent and Trademark Office	Collecting RO *(fees paid directly by applicants)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
JO Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)	Collecting RO *(fees paid directly by applicants)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, EP, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
JP Japan Patent Office (JPO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, IN, SG as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB, ID, IN, KR, MY, PH, SA, SG, US, VN	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in JPY, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/JP* (BN, KH, TH)

PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	**International Filing Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
KE Kenya Industrial Property Institute	Collecting RO *(fees paid directly by applicants)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, CN, EP, SE	n/a	n/a	n/a
KR Korean Intellectual Property Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collects search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, JP, SG as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/AU, CL, CO, IB, ID, MX, MY, NZ, PE, PH, SA, SG, US, VN	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in KRW, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/KR* (BN, KH, MN, TH)
KZ National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)	Collecting RO *(fees paid directly by applicants)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
LV Patent Office of the Republic of Latvia	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: collects search fees for ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	**International Filing Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
MA Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)	Collecting RO:	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, RU, SE	n/a	n/a	n/a
MD State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)	Collecting RO:	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
MK State Office of Industrial Property (North Macedonia)	Collecting RO: *(fees paid directly by applicants)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
MU Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM)	Collecting RO: *(fees paid directly by applicants)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for:* ISA/AU, EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
MX Mexican Institute of Industrial Property	Collecting RO:	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, CL, EP, ES, KR, SE, SG, US	n/a	n/a	n/a

PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	**International Filing Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
MY Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AU, EP, JP, KR	n/a	n/a	n/a
NI Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, ES	n/a	n/a	n/a
NL Netherlands Patent Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
NO Norwegian Industrial Property Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, SE, XN	n/a	n/a	n/a
NZ Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AU, EP, KR, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
OA African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, RU, SE	n/a	n/a	n/a

PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	**International Filing Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
OM National Intellectual Property Office (Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion) (Oman)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, EG, EP, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
PA Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)	Collecting RO *(fees paid directly by applicants)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/BR, CL, EP, ES, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
PE National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, BR, CL, EP, ES, KR, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
PH Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AU, EP, JP, KR, US as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB, US	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in USD*

PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	**International Filing Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
PL Patent Office of the Republic of Poland	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
PT National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
QA Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EG, EP, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
RO State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
RS Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	**International Filing Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
RU Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EA, EP as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/AZ, BG, BY, CO, CU, EA, GE, IB, ID, IR, KZ, MA, MD, OA, RO, SA, SY, UZ, VN	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in RUB, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/RU* (AM, KG, KP, MN, TJ, TM, ZW)
SA Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/CA, CN, EG. EP, JP, KR, RU, SG, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
SD Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department (Sudan)	Collecting RO *(fees paid directly by applicants)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EG, EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
SE Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, XN as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/AP, BR, DK, FI, IB, IN, IS, KE, MA, MX, NO, OA, TT, VN	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in SEK, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/SE* (GH, LR, ZM)
SG Intellectual Property Office of Singapore	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, EP, JP, KR as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB, ID, JP, KR, MX, SA, TT, UG, US, VN	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in SGD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/SG* (BN, KH, TH)
SI Slovenian Intellectual Property Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
SK Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
SY Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection, Directorate of Industrial and Commercial Property Protection (Syrian Arab Republic)	Collecting RO *(fees paid directly by applicants)*	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EG, EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
TN National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
TR Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in CHF*

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
TT Intellectual Property Office, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, CL, EP, SE, SG, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
UA State Organization "Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations" (UANIPIO)	*(not yet participating as RO)*	as Collecting RO: *(not yet participating as RO)* Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in USD (specified only by non-participating RO/UA)*
UG Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)	Collecting RO *(fees paid directly by applicants)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, SG	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
US United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AU, EP, IL, JP, KR, SG as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/BR, CL, DO, EG, GE, IB, IL, IN, JO, MX, NZ, OM, PA, PE, PH, QA, SA, TT, ZA	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in USD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/US* (BH, KN, TH)
UZ Intellectual Property Agency under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan	Collecting RO *(fees paid directly by applicants)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
VN Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam)	Collecting RO *(fees paid directly by applicants)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, EP, JP, KR, RU, SE, SG	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
XN Nordic Patent Institute	n/a	as Collecting RO: (n/a) as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/DK, IB, IS, NO, SE	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in DKK*
ZA Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, EP, US	n/a	n/a	n/a

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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JP Japan

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

The **Japan Patent Office (JPO)** 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 2025, consists of the addition of **Uruguay** to the States indicated in items (i) and (ii) of Annex A.

As from 1 March 2025, 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:

Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America, Uruguay and Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

[No change]

(ii) the following languages which it will accept:

(a) [No change]

(b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America, Uruguay and Viet Nam:

English;

(c) [No change]

(d) for international applications filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office acting for Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America, Uruguay and Viet Nam:

Japanese, English.

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-jp.pdf

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CA Canada

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 **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2025, is USD 1,603.

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

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UY Uruguay

The **National Directorate of Industrial Property (DNPI) (Uruguay)** has specified the Japan Patent Office (JPO) – in addition to the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office – as competent International Searching Authority, with effect from 1 March 2025, for international applications filed with the DNPI or with the receiving Office of the International Bureau of WIPO, by nationals and residents of Uruguay.

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

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AT Austria

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 **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2025, is USD 1,905.

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

ES Spain

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 **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2025, is USD 1,905.

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

FI Finland

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 **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2025, is USD 1,905.

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

IB International Bureau of WIPO

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)** have been established, with effect from 1 April 2025, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD 109
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD 55 Supplement for airmail: USD 11

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

SA Saudi Arabia

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 **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2025, is CHF 244.

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

SE Sweden

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 **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2025, is USD 1,905.

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

TR Türkiye

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 **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2025, is USD 1,905.

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

UA Ukraine

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 **State Organization "Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations" (UANIPIO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2025, are USD 104 for searches carried out in Ukrainian or Russian, and USD 311 for searches carried out in English, French or German.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

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 **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2025, is USD 1,905.

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

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

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 **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2025, is USD 1,905.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

IR Islamic Republic of Iran

The **Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)** has notified the International Bureau that, as from 15 May 2025, it will accept Farsi, in addition to English, as a language in which international applications may be filed (PCT Rule 12.1(a)).

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CU Cuba

The **Cuban Industrial Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the conditions for reduction of the national filing fees for patents and utility models. Consequently, since 17 May 2021, fees are reduced by 40% where the applicant is a natural person or a public university. Annual fees from the third annuity are reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person or a public university.

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes concerning the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fees, with effect since 17 May 2021. In addition to the reduction for applications filed both on paper and in electronic form, national fees are reduced by 40% where the applicant is a natural person or a public university and annual fees from the third annuity are reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person or a public university.

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

UY Uruguay

Information on the requirements of the **National Directorate of Industrial Property (DNPI) (Uruguay)** as designated (or elected) Office is now available in the Summary of the National Chapter (UY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which is published at the end of the present issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

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

IR Islamic Republic of Iran

In accordance with Section 332(a-*bis*) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that, as from 15 May 2025, it will be prepared to accept language-dependent free text in English or Farsi, 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 Farsi within a single sequence listing.

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

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

CU Cuba

The **Cuban Industrial Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has provided the International Bureau with a clarification about 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 requires that a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted.

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

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Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:

Under PCT Article 22(3): 30 months from the priority date

Does the Office permit reinstatement of rights (PCT Rule 49.6)?

Yes, the Office permits reinstatement of rights under the “due care” criterion.

Fee for reinstatement of rights

None

Translation of international application required into (one of) the following language(s):

Spanish

Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase:

Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), abstract, any text matter of drawings

Is a copy of the international application required in particular circumstances?

Yes

Does the Office accept color drawings under its national law?

No

National fees:

The Office's fees are established in Indexed Units (UI) (Art. 117 of Law on Patents No. 17.164, as amended by Art. 398 of Law on Patents No. 18.719), 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.

Patents

Refer to the Office

Fee for restoration of the right of priority (Rule 49*ter*.2)

Equivalent in UYU of 400 USD

Utility models

Refer to the Office

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of fees:

Fees are reduced by up to 90% for public institutions, small and medium-sized companies, associations and groups of producers, cooperatives, independent inventors and research centers (Art. 338 of Law 19355)

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Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase (*Cont'd*)

Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51*bis*):

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application

This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22, the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of the invitation.

Document evidencing the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent

This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22, the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306)

If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22, the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of the invitation.

Evidence of entitlement to claim priority where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application

This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22, the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of the invitation.

Address for service in Uruguay if the applicant is not domiciled in Uruguay (no representation by an agent is required but, if an agent is appointed, a power of attorney must be furnished)

If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22, the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within 30 days from the date of the invitation.

Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney)

If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22, the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within 30 days from the date of the invitation.

Verification of translation of the international application

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

Who can act as agent?

Any natural or legal person resident in Uruguay

Does the Office accept the effect of restoration of the right of priority by the receiving Office (PCT Rule 49*ter*.1)?

Yes

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49*ter*.2)?

Yes, the Office applies the "due care" criterion to such requests

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IR Islamic Republic of Iran

The **Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Iranian rial (IRR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 25 July 2024, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	IRR	500,000	(for natural persons)
	IRR	2,500,000	(for legal persons)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	IRR	500,000	(for natural persons)
	IRR	2,500,000	(for legal persons)
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	IRR	500,000	(for natural persons)
	IRR	2,500,000	(for legal persons)

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IR Islamic Republic of Iran

The **Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the filing fee component of the national fee,[1] in **Iranian rial (IRR)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 25 July 2024, as follows:

Filing fee:

– For natural persons:	IRR	500,000
– For legal persons:	IRR	2,500,000

The Office also notified that national fees are payable only in **Iranian rial (IRR)**; the payment of national fees in euros (EUR) or US dollars (USD) is no longer possible.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change to its requirements for entry into the national phase, concerning the translation of the international application: the Office now requires that the translation of the international application be furnished in electronic form.

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[1] Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

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EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

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 **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2025, are USD 98 for searches carried out in Russian, and USD 437 for searches carried out in English.

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

RU Russian Federation

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 **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2025, are USD 98 for searches carried out in Russian, and USD 491 for searches carried out in English.

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

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

PT Portugal

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Government of the Portuguese Republic** has notified[1] 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 20 February 2025, as follows:

Micoteca da Universidade do Minho (MUM)
Centre of Biological Engineering
University of Minho
Campus de Gualtar
4710-057 Braga
Portugal

[1] The full text of Budapest Notification No. 368 is available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/treaties/notifications/details/treaty_budapest_368

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BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** 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 May 2025, are CHF 264 and EUR 280 for international applications filed online and CHF 395 and EUR 420 for international applications filed on paper.

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

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SE Sweden

The **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of certain components of its national fee, in **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable from 15 March 2025, are as follows:

Fee for reinstatement of rights:	SEK	2,000
Annual fee for the 3rd year:[1]	SEK	1,920

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (SE) 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 **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable from 15 March 2025, is SEK 2,000.

[1] This fee is due on the last day of the month containing the second anniversary (24 months) of the international filing date; where PCT Article 22 or 39(1) applies, it is payable within two months after performing the acts for entering the national phase, unless the 24-month time limit has not yet expired.

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RECEIVING OFFICES

UY Uruguay

The **National Directorate of Industrial Property (DNPI) (Uruguay)** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) – in addition to the Japan Patent Office (JPO), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office – as competent International Searching Authority, with effect since 7 January 2025, for international applications filed with the DNPI or with the receiving Office of the International Bureau of WIPO, by nationals and residents of Uruguay.

[Updating of Annex C(UY) 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

SK Slovakia

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Industrial Property Office of the Slovak 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 2025.[1]

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[1] https://www.wipo.int/web/das/participating-offices/search-details?territoryId=156

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the location of its Berlin Office, which is now as follows:

Location: Karl-Liebknecht-Str. 14
10178 Berlin
Germany

[Updating of Annex B(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)** and **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 May 2025, are CHF 90 and EUR 94 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 398 and EUR 418 for searches carried out in English.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **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 May 2025, are CHF 90 and EUR 94 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 448 and EUR 471 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 May 2025, are CHF 119 and CHF 189 (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)).

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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: 19 March 2025, from 11:45 a.m. to 5:20 p.m. CET (Central European Time)

Applicants who did not meet a time limit fixed in the PCT Regulations due to the unavailability of the above-mentioned service during the indicated period 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/pct/en/texts/unavailability.html

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EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 April 2025, a new agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic on the validation of European patents has entered into force. As from 1 April 2025, it has been possible to validate European patents and European patent applications (including PCT applications containing a designation for a European patent) in the Lao People's Democratic Republic, even though it is not an EPO member State. European patents and applications validated in the Lao People's Democratic Republic will confer the same rights and legal effects as national applications and patents in the Lao People's Democratic Republic.[1]

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

LA Lao People's Democratic Republic

Following a new agreement between the government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the European Patent Organisation, there is an additional means of seeking protection in the Lao People's Democratic Republic – from 1 April 2025, it has been possible to validate European patents and European patent applications (including PCT applications containing a designation for a European patent) in the Lao People's Democratic Republic. European patents and applications validated in the Lao People's Democratic Republic will confer the same rights and legal effects as national applications and patents in that country.[1]

[Updating of Annex B(LA) 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 **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 June 2025, is SGD 1,852.

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

[1] For further information, refer to the EPO's *Official Journal* OJ EPO 2025, articles A22 and A23:
https://www.epo.org/en/legal/official-journal/2025/03/a22.html
https://www.epo.org/en/legal/official-journal/2025/03/a23.html

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 June 2025, is KRW 1,393,000.

[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 **Singapore dollars (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2025, are SGD 410 for international applications filed in Korean or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and SGD 1,092 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*]

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 2025, is KRW 2,462,000.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 April 2025, the fee for validating European patents in the Lao People's Democratic Republic, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, is EUR 180.[2]

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

SE Sweden – Corrigendum

The information published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 6 March 2025 (page 64) concerning the new amount of the annual fee for the 3rd year contained an error. The correct amount is SEK 1,600.

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

[2] For further information, refer to the EPO's *Official Journal* OJ EPO 2025, article A24: https://www.epo.org/en/legal/official-journal/2025/03/a24.html

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

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 June 2025, is KRW 2,929,000.

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

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 June 2025, is EUR 1,271.

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

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

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 **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2025, are USD 105 for searches carried out in Russian, and USD 465 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 **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2025, is NZD 3,511.

[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)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2025, are EUR 283 for international applications filed in Korean (or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3), and EUR 755 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 **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 June 2025, are USD 105 for searches carried out in Russian, and USD 523 for searches carried out in English.

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

SE Sweden

New equivalent amounts in **Swedish kronor (SEK)** 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 new amounts, applicable from 1 June 2025, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SEK	15,140
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SEK	170
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	SEK	2,280
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	SEK	3,410
Handling fee:	SEK	2,280

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

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KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** notified the International Bureau that, due to a temporary national holiday, it will not be open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Tuesday, 3 June 2025.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application is required to reach the Office falls on the aforementioned day, that period shall expire on the next working day, Wednesday, 4 June 2025.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/ClosedDates.xhtml

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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 **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2025, are CHF 261 for international applications filed in Korean (or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3), and CHF 696 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*]

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 July 2025, is KRW 345,000.

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CA Canada

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 **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2025, is EUR 1,472.

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

EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2025, are CHF 65 and EUR 69, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(EG) 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 2025, is EUR 995.

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

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ES Spain

In accordance with PCT Rule 82*quater*.1(d), the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** 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, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, was not met by an interested party due to the general power outage that affected Spain on 28 and 29 of April 2025.

For further information about the conditions and other details, refer to the Resolutions published by the Office on 29 April 2025, available at: https://www.oepm.es/en/sobre-OEPM/noticias-y-eventos/noticias/noticiap/Ampliacion-plazos-como-consecuencia-de-incidencia-electrica./

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2025, is ZAR 39,010.

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

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, as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2025, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD	2,506
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD	28
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	AUD	377
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	AUD	565

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

Furthermore, 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 2025, is AUD 377.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2025, are USD 2,094 and ZAR 39,010.

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

IL Israel

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, applicable from 1 July 2025, is ILS 875.

[Updating of Annex E(IL) 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 July 2025, are USD 998 for international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3[1], and USD 1,179 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*]

NZ New Zealand

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2025, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD	2,695
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD	30
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	NZD	405
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	NZD	608

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) 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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2025, are as follows:

International filing fee:	USD	1,603
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD	18
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request not being in character coded format):	USD	121
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In addition, a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 July 2025, is USD 241.

[Updating of Annexes E(CL), E(EA), E(EG), E(IN), E(PH), E(RU) and E(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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, as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2025, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	29,860
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	340
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ZAR	4,490
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ZAR	6,740

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AT Austria

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 **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2025, is USD 2,094.

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

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 2025, is CHF 1,168.

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

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** 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 2025, are CHF 245 and EUR 263 for international applications filed online and CHF 368 and EUR 394 for international applications filed on paper.

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

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2025, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CAD	2,229
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CAD	25
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	CAD	335
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	CAD	503

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

Furthermore, 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 **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2025, is CHF 1,383.

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

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 July 2025, is CAD 335.

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

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, as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2025, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CNY	11,620
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CNY	130
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	CNY	1,750
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	CNY	2,620

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

Furthermore, 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 July 2025, is CHF 240.

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

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 July 2025, is CNY 1,750.

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

ES Spain

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 **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2025, is USD 2,094.

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

FI Finland

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 **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2025, is USD 2,094.

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

HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Hungarian forints (HUF)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 13 April 2025, is HUF 15,500.

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

IB International Bureau of WIPO

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)** have been established, with effect from 1 July 2025, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD 121
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD 60 Supplement for airmail: USD 12

[Updating of Annex C(IB) 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 July 2025, is CHF 937.

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

SA Saudi Arabia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts in **Saudi riyals (SAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2025, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SAR	6,057
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SAR	68
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	SAR	911
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	SAR	1,366

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

Furthermore, 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 **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2025, is CHF 220.

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

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Saudi riyals (SAR)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 July 2025, is SAR 911.

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

SE Sweden

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 **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2025, is USD 2,094.

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

TR Türkiye

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 **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2025, is USD 2,094.

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

UA Ukraine

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 **State Organization "Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations" (UANIPIO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2025, are USD 114 for searches carried out in Ukrainian or Russian, and USD 341 for searches carried out in English, French or German.

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF**) and **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for international searches carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2025, are CHF 1,976 and EUR 2,114 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, CHF 790 and EUR 846 for a small entity, and CHF 395 and EUR 423 for a micro entity.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

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 **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2025, is USD 2,094.

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

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

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 **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2025, is USD 2,094.

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

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BH Bahrain

The **Directorate of Foreign Trade & Industrial Property, National Patent Office (Bahrain)** has specified the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) – in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, with effect from 15 June 2025, for international applications filed with the Directorate of Foreign Trade & Industrial Property, National Patent Office (Bahrain) or with the receiving Office of the International Bureau of WIPO, by nationals and residents of Bahrain.

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

EXCUSE OF DELAY UNDER PCT RULE 82*quater*.1: NOTIFICATION BY AN OFFICE, AUTHORITY 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 on 28 or 29 April 2025 was not met by an interested party residing or having a place of business in any of the territories affected by the major power outages in Spain, Portugal, Andorra and parts of France 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-16-may-2025

and to the May 2025 issue of the EPO's *Official Journal*.

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MODIFICATIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT*, relating to Section 703 and new Section 705*quater,* were promulgated[1] with effect from 1 July 2025.

The main purpose of these modifications is to implement the amendments to Rule 89*bis*.1 of the *Regulations under the PCT* with the introduction of the new paragraphs 703(e-*bis*) and (e-*ter*) as safeguards to allow Offices to accept paper submissions in exceptional circumstances or, if they so wish, to convert paper submissions into electronic form in exceptional circumstances. The addition of Section 705*quater* provides a legal basis for treating the electronic resubmission of the international application originally filed on paper as the home copy, record copy and search copy.

The full text of the Administrative Instructions as in force from 1 July 2025 (PCT/AI/25) will be available on the WIPO website.

TEXT OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS
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Section 703
Filing Requirements; Basic Common Standard

(a) to (e) [*No change*]

(e-*bis*) Any receiving Office that has notified the International Bureau in accordance with Rule 89*bis*.1(d-*bis*) may nevertheless decide in a particular case to receive the international application submitted on paper.

(e-*ter*) Any receiving Office that has notified the International Bureau in accordance with Rule 89*bis*.1(d-*ter*) may decide, in a particular case, to convert the application filed on paper into electronic form in accordance with Section 705*bis.*

(f) [*No change*]

[1] Refer to Circular C. PCT 1684, dated 16 April 2025.

Section 705*quater*
International Applications Resubmitted in Electronic Form

(a) Where an international application filed on paper is resubmitted by the applicant in electronic form in accordance with Rule 89*bis*.1(d-*ter*), the receiving Office, for the purposes of Article 12, shall keep the resubmission as the home copy and transmit copies as the record copy and the search copy.

(b) Subject to Section 705*bis,* the original of the international application filed on paper shall be kept, for a period of at least 10 years from the international filing date, by the International Bureau or, where so agreed by the receiving Office and the International Bureau, by the receiving Office on behalf of the International Bureau. The original shall be marked with the words "INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION – ORIGINAL AS FILED ON PAPER (Rule 89*bis*.1(d-*ter*))" or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application at the bottom of the first page of the request and of the first page of the description.[2]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for priority document, applicable from 1 July 2025, in **euros (EUR)** and payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	111

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

BR Brazil

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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2025, are USD 298 for international applications filed online and USD 446 for international applications filed on paper.

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

[2] *Editor's Note:* In principle, receiving Offices should mark the original at the time of its receipt but they could also mark the original when it is relied upon for the purposes of the correction of the record copy under Section 705*bis*(d).

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

IB International Bureau of WIPO

In accordance with PCT Rule 82*quater*.1(d), the **International Bureau** hereby notifies 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 (including in its capacity as receiving Office), was not met by an interested party due to the major power outages that affected Spain, Portugal, Andorra and parts of France on 28 and 29 April 2025.

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MU Mauritius
AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

On 27 May 2025, **Mauritius** deposited its instrument of accession to the *Protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs within the Framework of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) (Harare Protocol)* and will become bound by that Protocol on 27 August 2025. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 27 August 2025 will include the designation of Mauritius for an ARIPO patent, as well as for a national patent.

Furthermore, from 27 August 2025, nationals and residents of Mauritius will be able to file international applications with ARIPO in its capacity as receiving Office, in addition to the Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM) and the receiving Office of the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Updating of Annexes B(AP), C(AP) and B(MU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EA Eurasian Patent Organization

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 **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2025, are USD 113 for searches carried out in Russian, and USD 504 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(EA) 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 August 2025, are EUR 99 and USD 113 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 497 and USD 567 for searches carried out in English.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the maintenance fee component of its national fee, payable in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, with effect from 1 January 2025. This amount, payable in respect of each one-year period and due at the time of entry into the national phase, where that entry is effected on or after the 2nd or possibly 3rd anniversary of the international filing date, is CAD 130.50. The fee for a small entity remains unchanged (CAD 58.68).

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

CN China

The **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau of several changes concerning the time limits for payment of its national fees. The application publication fee for patents must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). The fee for priority claims for patents and the filing fee, the additional filing fee and the fee for priority claims for utility models must be paid within two months from the date of entry into the national phase.

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

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AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office**, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has notified the International Bureau of changes 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*, 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 or DVD-R.

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

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SE Sweden

The **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)** has notified the International Bureau that the relevant provisions in the national law of Sweden concerning international-type search (PCT Article 15) are now provided in Chapter 4, Articles 7 and 8 of the Patents Act and in Chapter 4, Article 4 of the Decree implementing that Act.

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes in the relevant provisions of its national law concerning provisional protection after international publication as follows:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent: After international publication, the furnishing of a translation into Swedish or English or, if the international application was filed in Swedish or English, of a copy of the application as filed, gives the applicant provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages. These are limited to what is judged reasonable in the circumstances and the protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent. Refer to Chapter 10, Articles 7 and 8 and Chapter 15, Articles 10 to 12 of the Patents Act.

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent: Compensation reasonable in the circumstances, on condition that any national requirements relating to the translation into Swedish of the claims of the application have been met, and upon grant of the patent. Protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent. Refer to Chapter 11, Article 12 of the Patents Act.

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

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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 2025, are EUR 99 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 442 for searches carried out in English.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** 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 provide 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) or 40(2).

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

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AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified a new amount of the document fee (*Schriftengebühr*) for patents and for utility models, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2025, is EUR 74.

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

FILING, PROCESSING AND COMMUNICATION OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS IN ELECTRONIC FORM OR BY ELECTRONIC MEANS UNDER PCT RULE 89*bis*: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES UNDER PCT RULE 89*bis*.1(d-*bis*)

During its fifty-sixth (32nd extraordinary) session, held in Geneva from 9 to 17 July 2024, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) adopted, among others, amendments to Rules 89*bis*.1 and 89*bis*.2 of the *Regulations under the PCT* allowing an Office, other than the International Bureau, to require international applications or subsequently-filed documents to be submitted in electronic form only, or to require that any document submitted on paper is submitted again in electronic form within two months. These new Rules entered into force on 1 July 2025.

In particular, new Rule 89*bis*.1(d-*bis*) provides that: "A national Office or intergovernmental organization, other than the International Bureau, that has made a notification under paragraph (d) may notify the International Bureau that it will only receive international applications if they are filed in electronic form or by electronic means. The International Bureau shall publish a notification made under this paragraph in the *Gazette*."

BR Brazil

In accordance with PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d-*bis*), the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau that it will only receive international applications and related subsequently-filed documents if they are filed in electronic form or by electronic means, as of 3 September 2025.

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BR Brazil

Agreement between the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[1] – Amendment to Annex D

On 13 May 2025, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments, which consist of changes to the amounts of online fees and charges, will enter into force on 7 August 2025.

With effect from 7 August 2025, 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[2]	**Amount (Brazilian reals)**	
	(online)	(on paper)[3]
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,510	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,010	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	930	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	540	[No change]
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	amount as set out in Rule 58*bis*.2	
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	1,810	[No change]
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rule 13*ter*.1(c) and 13*ter*.2)	260	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1*ter* and 94.2), per page	0	[No change]

Part II. [No change]

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

[2] These fees are reduced by 60% under certain conditions (refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 251/19 of 2 October 2019).

[3] International applications and PCT-related documents filed on paper are received only by mail (refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 253/19 of 13 November 2019).

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BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) for international applications filed online, in **Brazilian real (BRL)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 7 August 2025, is BRL 260.

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **Brazilian real (BRL),** payable to it as International Searching Authority[4] and applicable from 7 August 2015, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	BRL	2,510	(online)
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	BRL	2,010	(online)
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	BRL	1,810	(online)
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rule 13*ter*.1(c)):	BRL	260	(online)
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 94.1*ter*):	BRL	0	(online)

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In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **Brazilian real (BRL)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority[4] and also applicable from 7 August 2025, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	BRL	930	(online)
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	BRL	540	(online)
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	BRL	1,810	(online)
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.2):	BRL	260	(online)
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	BRL	0	(online)
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	BRL	0	(online)

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[4] These fees are reduced by 60% under certain conditions (refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 251/19 of 2 October 2019).

CA Canada

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 **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2025, is USD 1,696.

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

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **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 September 2025, are CHF 94 and EUR 100, or CHF 24 and EUR 25 in the case of filing by an individual.

[Updating of Annex D(IN) 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 **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2025, are USD 333 for international applications filed in Korean or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and USD 888 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*]

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BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **Brazilian real (BRL)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable from 7 August 2025, as follows:

For a patent:	BRL	260	(online)
	BRL	380	(on paper)
For a utility model:	BRL	260	(online)
	BRL	380	(on paper)

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MU Mauritius

The **Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its email address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: ipom@govmu.org

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

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AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

The **African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)** 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 March 2025, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD 100 (or equivalent in the local currency of any ARIPO Contracting State where the applicant is resident)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD 500 (or equivalent in the local currency of any ARIPO Contracting State where the applicant is resident)

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

BR Brazil

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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 7 August 2025, are CHF 371, EUR 395 and USD 451, when filing online.

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

The **Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina**, 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 2025, 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 XML (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 and 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: (387-36) 33 43 82; (387-33) 65 21 65 and (387-51) 22 68 40

by e-mail at: info@ipr.gov.ba; banjaluka@ipr.gov.ba; sarajevo@ipr.gov.ba; mostar@ipr.gov.ba

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 (https://www.ipr.gov.ba)

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 (https://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(BA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of changes to two items of its notification concerning the filing and processing of international applications in electronic form, namely changes to the items titled: "As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i))" and "As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii))". The changes consist of a version update to filing software and do not restrict existing filing options. The updated filing software replaced the previous filing software on 1 January 2025.

Consequently, the items below replace the corresponding items published in the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) of 2 August 2024, pages 125 *et seq.*:

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

– ePCT-Filing
– NK-Editor, KIPO-Editor software
– PKEAPS software"

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

– international applications

– any subsequent document, such as amendments, corrections or rectifications of the description or claims, that may be prepared with the PKEAPS software.”

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AL Albania

The **General Directorate of Industrial Property (GDIP) (Albania)** has notified the International Bureau of a telephone number, as well as changes to its e-mail address and Internet address, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	0800 1993 (toll-free in Albania)
E-mail:	info@dppi.gov.al
Internet:	www.dppi.gov.al

In addition, the Office 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 since 1 May 2022, the Office discontinued the use of its fax services and no longer accepts the filing of international applications and other documents by means of fax.

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

AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

The **African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)** 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 since 1 March 2025, the Office discontinued the use of its fax services and no longer accepts the filing of international applications and other documents by means of fax.

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

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the relevant provisions of its national law concerning provisional protection after international publication as follows:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:

The applicant must submit to the Office a translation of the international application into Polish (upon entry into the national phase). The provisional protection applies as from the date of the subsequent publication of the translation of the international application (bibliographic data, abstract and figure of drawings, if any) in the Office's Bulletin [*Biuletyn Urzędu Patentowego*] (refer to Article 4 of the Industrial Property Law (PPL) in conjunction with Section 43 of the Regulation of the Prime Minister of 17 September 2001 on Filing and Processing of Patent and Utility Model Applications).

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent:

Provisional protection of a European patent shall be effective in Poland as from the day of publication of the European patent application in the European Patent Bulletin, if the applicant has filed an application for provisional protection in Poland, a translation of the claims into Polish and paid the appropriate fee. Information about provisional protection is published in the Office's Bulletin (BUP).

[Updating of Annex B(PL) 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 September 2025, is EUR 250.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) 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 September 2025, is CNY 15,490.

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

HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for priority document, applicable since 13 April 2025, in **Hungarian forints (HUF)** and payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	HUF (per page) 400 HUF (per document) plus 4,000

[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 September 2025, is USD 1,220.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

The **African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)** has notified a change to the time by which the patents filing fee and the utility models filing fee must be paid, as well as a new amount of the patents designation fee in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office.

The changes, applicable since 1 March 2025, are as follows:

The patents filing fee and the utility models filing fee must be paid within 14 days from the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

For patents:

Designation fee, per country:	USD 100

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

HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Hungarian forint (HUF)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 13 April 2025, are as follows:

For a patent:

– where the Office is a designated Office:	HUF 50,000 plus
	HUF 2,500 per claim for the 11th to the 20th claim
	HUF 5,000 per claim for the 21st to the 30th claim
	HUF 7,500 for each claim in excess of 30
– where the Office is an elected Office:	HUF 25,000 plus

	HUF 1,250 per claim for the 11th to the 20th claim
	HUF 2,500 per claim for the 21st to the 30th claim
	HUF 3,750 for each claim in excess of 30
For a utility model:	HUF25,000 plus
	HUF 1,500 for each claim in excess of 10

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During its fifty-sixth (32nd extraordinary) session, held in Geneva from 9 to 17 July 2024, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) adopted, among others, amendments to Rules 89*bis*.1 and 89*bis*.2 of the *Regulations under the PCT* allowing an Office, other than the International Bureau, to require international applications or subsequently-filed documents to be submitted in electronic form only, or to require that any document submitted on paper is submitted again in electronic form within two months. These new Rules entered into force on 1 July 2025.

In particular, new Rule 89*bis*.1(d-*bis*) provides that: "A national Office or intergovernmental organization, other than the International Bureau, that has made a notification under paragraph (d) may notify the International Bureau that it will only receive international applications if they are filed in electronic form or by electronic means. The International Bureau shall publish a notification made under this paragraph in the Gazette."

NZ New Zealand

In accordance with PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d-*bis*), the **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it will only receive international applications and related subsequently-filed documents if they are filed in electronic form or by electronic means, as of 24 September 2025.

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

SA Saudi Arabia

In accordance with PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d-*bis*), the **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau that it will only receive international applications and related subsequently-filed documents if they are filed in electronic form or by electronic means, as of 24 September 2025.

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

TR Türkiye

In accordance with PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d-*bis*), the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau that it will only receive international applications and related subsequently-filed documents if they are filed in electronic form or by electronic means, as of 24 September 2025.

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

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SG Singapore

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

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** 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 take effect on 1 September 2025, consist of changes in the amounts of several fees payable to the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

With effect from 1 September 2025, 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 (Singapore dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,350
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,350
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45*bis*.3(a))	2,350
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	900
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	900
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[no change]
Review fee (Rule45*bis*.6(c))	[no change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 45*bis*.7(c), 71.2(b), 94.1*ter* and 94.2), per document	[no change]

Part II. [No change]

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

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SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2025, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	SGD 2,350
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	SGD 2,350

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **multiple currencies** have been established for the new search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore.** These amounts, all also applicable from 1 September 2025, are as follows:

Swiss francs (CHF)	1,458
Euros (EUR)	1,565
Japanese yen (JPY)	264,000
Won (KRW)	2,527,000
US dollars (USD)	1,849

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

Furthermore, the Office notified a new amount of the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(a)) in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** for a supplementary international search carried out the by Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 September 2025, is SGD 2,350.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), an equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the new supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 September 2025, is CHF 1,458.

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

In addition, the Office notified new amounts of fees, in **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 September 2025, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	SGD	900
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	SGD	900

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

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During its fifty-sixth (32nd extraordinary) session, held in Geneva from 9 to 17 July 2024, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) adopted, among others, amendments to Rules 89*bis*.1 and 89*bis*.2 of the *Regulations under the PCT* allowing an Office, other than the International Bureau, to require international applications or subsequently-filed documents to be submitted in electronic form only, or to require that any document submitted on paper be resubmitted in electronic form within two months. These new Rules entered into force on 1 July 2025.

In particular, new Rule 89*bis*.1(d-*bis*) provides that: "A national Office or intergovernmental organization, other than the International Bureau, that has made a notification under paragraph (d) may notify the International Bureau that it will only receive international applications if they are filed in electronic form or by electronic means. The International Bureau shall publish a notification made under this paragraph in the Gazette."

BH Bahrain

In accordance with PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d-*bis*), the **Directorate of Foreign Trade & Industrial Property, National Patent Office (Bahrain)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it will only receive international applications and related subsequently-filed documents if they are filed in electronic form or by electronic means, as of 1 October 2025.

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

IR Islamic Republic of Iran

In accordance with PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d-*bis*), the **Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it will only receive international applications and related subsequently-filed documents if they are filed in electronic form or by electronic means, as of 1 October 2025.

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

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LU Luxembourg

The **Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg)** has notified the International Bureau of the provisions of its national legislation concerning restrictions to the filing of international applications with foreign Offices.

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Law of July 8, 1967, on the Disclosure and Exploitation of Inventions and Trade Secrets concerning Territorial Defence or State Security, if the applicant resides in Luxembourg and the international application concerns an invention which may be of interest for national defence, the application must be filed with the Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg).

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

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CL Chile

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2025, are as follows:

Search fee:	CHF 1,598, EUR 1,714
Reduced search fee for natural persons and legal entities:	CHF 320, EUR 343 (where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States that benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion.)
Reduced search fee for universities:	CHF 240, EUR 257 (where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee.)

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

PH Philippines

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2025, are CHF 479 and EUR 514, or CHF 160 and EUR 171 where the applicant is a small entity.[1]

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

LU Luxembourg

The **Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office in its capacity as receiving Office - Any patent agent registered to practice in Luxembourg or any member of the Luxembourg Bar, as well as any patent agent registered and resident in a member State of the European Economic Area may now act as such.

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

OM Oman

The **National Intellectual Property Office (Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion) (Oman)** has specified the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) – in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office, the Egyptian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, with effect since 21 July 2025, for international applications filed with the National Intellectual Property Office (Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion) (Oman) or with the receiving Office of the International Bureau of WIPO, by nationals and residents of Oman.

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

[1] A small entity refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

TR Türkiye

The **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)** has notified 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 2025, as follows:

Patent or utility models:

Filing fee:		
For patents	TRY	13,460
For utility models	TRY	8,420
Fee for certificate of grant:	TRY	3,150
Renewal fee for third year:		
For patents	TRY	3,150
For utility models	TRY	2,710
Reinstatement of rights:	TRY	13,280

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

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In particular, new Rule 89*bis*.1(d-*bis*) provides that: "A national Office or intergovernmental organization, other than the International Bureau, that has made a notification under paragraph (d) may notify the International Bureau that it will only receive international applications if they are filed in electronic form or by electronic means. The International Bureau shall publish a notification made under this paragraph in the Gazette."

QA Qatar

In accordance with PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d-*bis*), the **Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it will only receive international applications and related subsequently-filed documents if they are filed in electronic form or by electronic means, as of 14 October 2025.

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

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SA Saudi Arabia

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 **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2025, is EUR 229.

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

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and in accordance with Sections 703(b), 710(b) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, 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 of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 18 March 2021, pages 51 *et seq.* (as modified in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 3 June 2021, page 108, 30 June 2022, pages 165 *et seq*. 18 August 2022, page 225, 19 May 2023, pages 117 *et seq*.), and 5 December 2024, page 233).

In particular, as from 1 January 2026, the EPO will no longer provide for and thus accept the filing of international applications and other documents and correspondence relating to international applications with the EPO using EPO Online Filing (OLF).

From 1 January 2026, the means available for filing international applications and other documents and correspondence relating to international applications in electronic form with the EPO will be: ePCT-Filing, EPO Online Filing 2.0 (with integrated ePCT-Filing) and the EPO Contingency Upload Service.

[Updating of Annexes B(EP), C(AT), C(DK), C(EP), C(ES), C(FI), C(GB), C(IS), C(LT), C(PL), C(PT), C(SE) and E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EP European Patent Organisation

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2025, is JPY 317,600.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) 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 new amounts, applicable from 1 October 2025, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY	242,700
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY	2,700
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	JPY	54,700
Handling fee:	JPY	36,500

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and in **euros (EUR)** have been established for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. These amounts, also applicable from 1 October 2025, are CHF 784 and EUR 831, respectively, for international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3[1] and CHF 926 and EUR 982, respectively, for international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

[Updating of Annexes C(JP), D(JP) and E(JP) 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

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MODIFICATIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with Offices, Authorities, and certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system, pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT*, relating to the addition of Sections 116 and 521 and a new Annex H, were promulgated[1] with effect from 1 January 2026.

The main purpose of these modifications is to implement the amendments to Rules 34, 36 and 63 of the *Regulations under the PCT* in order to set out a revised definition of the minimum documentation that an International Searching Authority is required to consult during international search, along with changes to the minimum requirements that an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority needs to satisfy before it may be appointed and that it needs to continue to satisfy during its appointment.

The full text of the Administrative Instructions as in force from 1 January 2026 (PCT/AI/26) will be available on the WIPO website at:

https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/texts/ai/ai_index

TEXT OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS
(as in force from 1 January 2026)

Section 116
Minimum Documentation

Patent documents made available under Rule 34.1(b)(i) for inclusion in the documentation referred to in Article 15(4) and utility model documents made available under Rule 34.1(c) shall comply with Part I of Annex H.

Section 521
Minimum Documentation

International Searching Authorities shall agree on the items of non-patent literature under Rule 34.1(b)(ii) for inclusion in the documentation referred to in Article 15(4) following the procedure in Part II of Annex H.

[1] Refer to Circular C. PCT 1672, dated 19 June 2024.

ANNEX H

TECHNICAL AND ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURE FOR INCLUSION OF PATENT AND UTILITY MODEL DOCUMENTS AND NON-PATENT LITERATURE IN THE MINIMUM DOCUMENTATION

INTRODUCTION

1. This Annex sets out the technical and accessibility requirements and procedure for inclusion of patent and utility model documents and non-patent literature in the minimum documentation, as defined in Rule 34.1.

PART I

PATENT AND UTILITY MODEL DOCUMENTATION

2. In this part, “patent documents” and “utility model documents” are as defined in Rule 34.1(a) and Rule 34.1(c), respectively.

Making Available of Documents and Use of Data

3. Each Office or successor Office whose patent collection, and, where applicable, utility model collection, belongs to the minimum documentation shall set up one or more secure repositories in which its text-searchable minimum documentation data is stored in either WIPO Standard ST.36 or ST.96 format, or in plain text format, or any combination thereof. Upon request by an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, each said Office shall provide that International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority with all the relevant information and authorization details necessary to access this data, for example the links, passwords, etc., so that it can access the data for free in bulk format electronically, preferably via FTP, SFTP or Web Services. Each Office shall ensure that all published data is made available in the said repository or repositories preferably within one month after its publication date, and in any event, no later than two months. If an Office also provides a search interface to its data, it shall preferably also provide access to such a search interface for free.

4. Any patent and utility model data made available by an Office to the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority within the context of paragraph 3 shall only be used by International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for the purpose of conducting prior art search and related activities, including providing copies of cited documents to applicants and third parties. The International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority should also undertake to ensure the security of data of the providing Office to protect against unauthorized use or alteration; measures taken

may include appropriate administrative, technical, IT and physical security measures. In case the said data is used for other purposes without the express consent of the providing Office, the access to the data in bulk format may be blocked by the providing Office, which would in turn inform the International Bureau accordingly.

5. Paragraphs 3 and 4 neither prevent Offices from having bilateral or multilateral agreements with the Offices providing the patent data to use and transform this data, nor intends to replace any such existing bilateral or multilateral agreements.

6. Any Office whose patent collection and, where applicable, utility model collection belongs to the minimum documentation can delegate to an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, or the International Bureau, the task of granting access to its data in accordance with the provisions set out in paragraphs 3 and 4.

Authority File

7. The structure and file format of the authority file provided by an Office under Rule 34.1(d)(iii) and the data elements contained in that authority file shall comply with WIPO Standard ST.37. An example of an authority file is provided in Appendix 1.

8. For each publication, the authority file provided by an Office shall contain the following data elements referred to in WIPO Standard ST.37:

(a) two-letter alphabetic code of the Office publishing the document (publication authority);

(b) publication number;

(c) kind code of the patent document as used by the Office publishing the document (kind-of-document code);

(d) publication date of the patent document; and

(e) subject to paragraph 10, indication of whether the abstract, description and claims of a publication are text-searchable, through selection of one of the following codes:

(i) “N” - Not available

(ii) “U” - Unknown

(iii) two-letter language code(s) in which the searchable text is available, either in the original language or in the language of an official translation.

9. The Office shall provide the data elements referred to in paragraph 8(a) to 8(d) as of January 1, 2026 for each publication made by that Office or by its legal predecessor published on or after January 1, 1991.

10. With regard to the data elements referred to in paragraph 8(e), the Office shall provide indications:

(a) from January 1, 2026, at least for each publication on or after that date; and

(b) from January 1, 2036, at least for each publication or that of its legal predecessor on or after January 1, 1991.

11. Offices having documents available in text-searchable machine-readable form published between January 1, 1920 and December 31, 1990 shall preferably include, for these documents, the data elements referred to in paragraph 8(a) to 8(e).

12. An Office shall preferably provide a definition file in accordance with WIPO Standard ST.37 containing relevant publication exception codes that are present in its authority file and an overview of the scope of the document collections.

13. The International Bureau shall add any authority and definition files provided by an Office to the repository referred to in Rule 34.1(e) and shall make the repository available on the WIPO website. For each Office, the repository shall provide information on the date coverage of the authority file and information on dates and/or frequency of updates if provided to the International Bureau.

Making Available Documents Belonging to the Minimum Documentation

14. An Office shall make available in text-searchable machine-readable form in accordance with paragraph 17 any document published on or after January 1, 2026, in its patent or utility model collection.

15. As of January 1, 2036, an Office shall make available in text-searchable machine-readable form in accordance with paragraph 17 any document published on or after January 1, 1991 in its patent or utility model collection or that of a legal predecessor.

16. Where it is not mandatory to make a document available in text-searchable machine-readable form, an Office is recommended to make the document available in text-searchable machine-readable form in accordance with paragraph 17. Any document that is not made available in text searchable machine-readable form shall preferably be made available in electronic form in accordance with paragraph 18.

Documents Made Available in Text-Searchable Machine-Readable Form

17. For each document that is made available in text-searchable machine-readable form, an Office shall provide International Searching Authorities with access to at least the full text of the abstract, description and claims in either XML format in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.36 or ST.96, or in plain text format. An Office shall also provide access to any electronically available sequence listings in a document. Each document in plain text format must have an unambiguous identifier, preferably the publication number, or otherwise, the application number. The same conditions as already described in paragraphs 3 and 4 also apply here.

Documents Not Made Available in Text-Searchable Machine-Readable Form

18. For each patent document or utility model document that is part of the minimum documentation but not made available in text-searchable machine-readable form, the Office or its legal successor shall provide International Searching Authorities, upon request, with access to a copy, preferably in electronic form. The copies of such documents shall preferably be in machine-readable electronic image format, e.g. PDF. For such documents, the code in the authority file for the data elements referred to in paragraph 8(e) should be “N” for elements that are not available in a text searchable format, or “U” for documents whose availability is unknown, or if the Office cannot easily provide an indication of such availability.

Optional Elements for Each Document in a Collection

19. Each Office shall preferably provide, insofar as they are available in machine-readable format, the following data elements for each document in its collection, using the appropriate tags foreseen for them:

(a) the application number of the document;

(b) the application numbers and filing dates of any earlier applications from which the patent or application claims priority;

(c) the IPC (International Patent Classification) symbols assigned to the document;

(d) any classification symbols assigned to the document according to any other classification scheme, e.g. CPC classification symbols or FI/F-term symbols.

Use of Publication Exception Codes

20. The authority file may optionally include the relevant publication exception code for any document in the collection of an Office for which the complete publication in machine-readable form is not available. If an authority file does not use publication exception codes, then for those documents that are not available in machine-readable format, the following applies:

- for documents that are not available in a text-searchable format, the code in the authority file for the data elements referred to in paragraph 8(e) should be “N”.

- for documents whose availability is unknown, or if the Office cannot easily provide an indication of such availability, the code in the authority file for the data elements referred to in paragraph 8(e) should be “U”.

21. Any publication exception codes included in the authority file shall be limited in the following ways:

- the code “P” shall not be used for patent documents published after January 1, 2026;
- the code “X” shall not be used for patent documents published after January 1, 2026, to indicate that a document is not available in machine-readable form; and
- as long as their use does not contravene the two immediately preceding bullet points above, an Office using specific customized codes before January 1, 2026, may only continue to use those codes if it properly identifies the place where the definition of those codes is made freely available.

Notification to the International Bureau and Validation of Collections

22. The notification to the International Bureau under Rule 34.1(d)(i) shall specify the date as of which the patent documents and, where applicable, the utility model documents are available in accordance with the requirements set out in this Annex. Each Office shall provide access to its documents made available in text-searchable machine-readable form as described in paragraph 3, as well as provide a link to its authority file and any definition file.

23. The International Bureau shall conduct the validations under Rule 34.1(e) as soon as possible after receipt of a notification under Rule 34.1(d)(i). The date from which the patent and utility model documents notified under Rule 34.1(d)(i) will become part of the minimum documentation shall be at least two months later than the date of publication in the Gazette of the details of the patent and utility model documents concerned.

PART II

NON-PATENT LITERATURE

Evaluation of Non-Patent Literature for Inclusion in the Minimum Documentation

24. Part II sets out the process for International Searching Authorities to review the list of items of non-patent literature referred to in Rule 34.1(b)(ii) (“the list”) with a view to verify that items continue to meet the criteria for inclusion and to consider resources for addition to the list.

Criteria for Inclusion

25. An item must be represented by an individual title.

26. An item must be available electronically:

(a) to International Searching Authorities in at least one digital format that is readily available and acceptable to all Authorities, and

(b) to the public, online, for a reasonable commercial fee, as part of a personal or institutional subscription, or at no cost.

27. An item must be full text and accessible through an institutionally available search interface. Preferably, an item should also be available in a text-coded format that would allow it to be incorporated into a search interface. Full text, for the purpose of non-patent literature, is defined as an electronic resource that provides the entire text or content of a single work; not necessarily in a text-searchable machine-readable form.

28. Resources whose only electronic availability is as part of a subscription ("subscription-based resources") must be institutionally accessible to be eligible for inclusion as an item; email subscription resources, or other personal use subscription resources, are not eligible for consideration. "Institutionally accessible" is defined as a resource that can be subscribed to or purchased by a single institution, with terms of use and search functionality applicable to all authorized users of the institution.

29. An item must provide terms of use that allow for copies of cited documents to be distributed to applicants as part of the international search and preliminary examination procedure, and to designated or elected Offices (DO/EO) upon request under Article 20(3) and Rule 44.3.

Updating the List of Minimum Documentation

30. A Task Force comprising representatives of International Searching Authorities ("the Task Force") shall perform the review referred to in paragraph 24 and report on a regular basis to the International Searching Authorities. In that context, the Task Force shall convene a meeting every five years to undertake a comprehensive review of the list of items and any recommended resources based on the criteria in paragraph 34. International Searching Authorities shall agree on the International Searching Authority responsible for convening and organizing that meeting of the Task Force at least six months before the meeting.

31. Any International Searching Authority may recommend a resource that meets the criteria in paragraphs 25 to 29 for inclusion in the list by submitting a proposal to the Task Force at least four months before the meeting. The proposal shall include an explanation to show that the resource meets the criteria and may include information to accompany the recommendation such as details of usage of the resource, the need to include the subject matter of the resource in the minimum documentation, the value of the resource to search examiners, the impact factor of a journal resource, etc. The International Searching Authority shall provide the Task Force with any further information relevant to the recommendation if requested by any member of the Task Force.

32. The Task Force will not consider a resource that does not meet the criteria in paragraphs 25 to 29 for inclusion in the list.

33. Prior to the meeting, any International Searching Authority may comment on the suitability of a recommended resource for inclusion on the list, such as providing further information on the usage of the resource, its contribution to the minimum documentation, and the impact of adding the resource on the list such as costs of obtaining access to the resource.

34. The Task Force shall evaluate the recommended resources for inclusion against the following:

(a) the criteria in paragraphs 25 to 29;

(b) international search report citation metrics from the preceding three years;

(c) other evidence that demonstrates the value of a resource to an examiner performing international search and preliminary examination such as usage and examiner input;

(d) subject matter of the resource, with a view to the list constituting a balanced representation of subject matter across all sections of the International Patent Classification scheme; and

(e) cost of subscription or access to the resource.

35. The Task Force shall verify that existing items on the list continue to meet the inclusion criteria in paragraphs 25 to 29 and identify any items that have been discontinued.

36. Following the meeting referred to in paragraph 30, the Task Force shall submit a revised list to the International Searching Authorities for them to agree upon as the updated list under Rule 34.1(b)(ii). The revised list shall include any items recommended by the Task Force for addition to the list after the evaluation under paragraph 34 and all items that have been verified under paragraph 35 as continuing to meet the inclusion criteria and are either current or discontinued.

37. Notwithstanding the process in paragraphs 31 to 34, an International Searching Authority may share resources with the Task Force that are not on the list but could be useful for examiners to consult during international search. International Searching Authorities are also encouraged to ask questions or share any information and experiences that may contribute to enhancing the use of the minimum documentation during international search.

38. The International Bureau shall provide a mechanism for the public to suggest resources to consult during international search that are not on the list. The International Bureau shall share any such suggestion with the Task Force and ask the volunteer International Searching Authority, referred to in paragraph 41, to assess it. If it believes that the conditions are met, the volunteer International Searching Authority may recommend the resource to the Task Force for consideration in accordance with paragraphs 31 to 34.

Traditional Knowledge Non-Patent Literature

39. The present set of criteria applies to all sources of non-patent literature prior art, including Traditional Knowledge resources. Therefore, Offices recommending their Traditional Knowledge as part of the minimum documentation must comply with the present criteria. However, if, in the future, the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore and other relevant bodies within WIPO decide that Traditional Knowledge prior art should be treated differently than other non-patent literature prior art, then the Task Force shall meet to discuss additional criteria that are specifically directed to Traditional Knowledge resources in line with any new understanding on the treatment of such prior art.

Annual Review of List

40. The Task Force shall establish a schedule of volunteer International Searching Authorities to conduct an annual review of the list on a rotational basis for obsolete and discontinued resources, as well as metadata updates.

41. The volunteer International Searching Authority conducting the annual review shall verify the list for any discontinued or obsolete items and update any metadata from the list. This Authority shall share the findings from this review with the Task Force and provide the International Bureau with any updates that are required to the list, including removal of discontinued or obsolete items.

Access to Items on List

42. International Searching Authorities are required, at a minimum, to maintain full text access to the most recent five years of content calculated from the current date in the case of periodicals. When an item is added to the list, International Searching Authorities are required to obtain access to the item within two years from the date that the item is added.

43. An International Searching Authority may report to the volunteer International Searching Authority conducting the annual review under paragraph 41 at any time if it considers that an item on the list no longer meets the inclusion criteria in paragraphs 25 to 29, and inform the Task Force accordingly.

Appendix 1:

Example of an Authority File

	Country Code	Publication Number	Kind Code	Publication Date	Exception Code (Value Optional)	Text-searchable Abstract as officially published Available? (Language codes/N/U)	Text-searchable Description Available? (Language codes/N/U)	Text-searchable Claims Available? (Language codes/N/U)
1	EP	0000001	A1	19781220		**de**	**de**	**de**
2	EP	0012493			U	**U**	**U**	**U**
3	EP	0216086	A2	19870401	M	**de**	**de**	**de**
4	EP	0272830	A2	19880629	M	**en**	**en**	**en**
5	EP	0394856	A1	19901031		**de,en**	**de**	**de**
6	EP	0394856	B1	19970604		**en**	**de**	**de,en,fr**
7								
8	CA	2787765	A1	20140222		**en,fr**	**en**	**en**
9								
10	CH	710284	A1	20160429		**de**	**de**	**de**
11	CH	711700	A2	20170428		**it**	**it**	**it**
12								
13	FI	101368	B	19980615		**fi,sv**	**fi**	**fi**
14	FI	20165833	L	20180508		**fi,en**	**N**	**N**
15								
16	WO	2010037978	A2	20100408		**en,fr**	**fr**	**fr**
17	WO	2021073392	A1	20210422		**en,fr,zh**	**zh**	**zh**

Table 1

Table 1 above sets out examples of the data that should be included in an authority file. The data should be passed in either an XML or CSV file in accordance with the version of WIPO Standard ST.37 in force.[2]

The text below is a Version 2.2 ST.37 authority file, produced by an International Searching Authority or those Offices wishing their publications to be included in the minimum documentation set, represented using a TXT structure where the data elements are separated by a comma. It represents the data in Table 1 shown above. In the case of the data from the final three columns, the relevant codes (language code, U or N) should be appended to the code for the relevant application part type (ABST-, DESC- or CLMS-). If there are multiple languages available for these elements, the language indicators must be separated by spaces:

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[2] Version 2.2 at the time of publication.

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WO,2021073392,A1,20210422,,ABST-en ABST-fr ABST-zh,DESC-zh,CLMS-zh<CRLF>

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BG Bulgaria

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – since 20 October 2023, the original of a document must be furnished within 14 days of the date of its transmission, instead of one month.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

BG Bulgaria

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office in its capacity as receiving Office effective since 27 October 2020 – An agent is not required by the Office if the applicant resides in Bulgaria, in another member State of the European Union, in another State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, or in Switzerland.

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

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PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau that, due to inclement weather conditions, it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Monday, 1 September 2025.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on the next working day, Tuesday, 2 September 2025.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

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

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SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic** 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 2025, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	45	(online filings)
	EUR	90	(paper filings)
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	EUR	210	

[Updating of Annex C(SK) 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

UY Uruguay

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **National Directorate of Industrial Property (DNPI) (Uruguay)** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, both as a depositing and as an accessing Office, with effect from 15 September 2025.[1]

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

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BH Bahrain – Corrigendum

The information published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 31 July 2025 (page 125) concerning the notification made under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d-*bis*) by the **Directorate of Foreign Trade & Industrial Property, National Patent Office (Bahrain)** should be disregarded.

[1] For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/en/web/das/participating-offices/search-details?territoryId=180

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FI Finland

Pursuant to PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and in accordance with Sections 703(b), 710(b) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 22 September 2022, pages 256 *et seq.*

The Office notified changes to the applicable electronic filing software, methods of online payment, details concerning its help desk and certification authorities accepted by the Office.

Consequently, with effect from 1 October 2025, the following notification replaces the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette):

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

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

– WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (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)

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

– PRH Patent Service

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

– the international application must be signed by means of a basic electronic signature (text string or facsimile) or by means of an enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3)

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 contains, 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), or if outdated certificates have been used, that a notification of receipt will not be generated. Other errors, such as applications being infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic, are notified to the applicant in the acknowledgement of receipt.

Where it transpires that an acknowledgement of receipt transmitted to the applicant by electronic means 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)):

No online payment is available. The following means of deferred payment are accepted: payment by debit card or by bank transfer or by PRH Patent Payment Service.

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

Within the framework of its service for the electronic filing of patents, the Office has put in place a help desk for applicants.

The task of this help desk is to answer questions from users of the service for the electronic filing of patents, and in particular to serve as a technical hotline in order to help applicants whenever bugs and other technical problems relating to the software and/or server are encountered.

This help desk is open from Monday to Friday, from 9.00 a.m. until 3.00 p.m.

The PRH patent help desk may be contacted as follows:

– by telephone at: (358-0) 29509 5858

– by web form (in Finnish) at the following address:
https://www.prh.fi/en/intellectualpropertyrights/patentit/theabcofpatenting/patentadvisoryservice.html

– further information:
https://www.prh.fi/en/intellectualpropertyrights/patentit.html

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. The files should be in ZIP format and contain texts either in ASCII plain text or in any other commonly known format.

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 to inform the applicant of alternative filing procedures.

The Office will provide on its website (www.prh.fi) information concerning possible interruptions in electronic filing services.

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)):

PRH Patent Service:

– Suomi.fi e-Identification (strong identification service which enables you to log into the electronic services of public administration in Finland. The service is developed by the Digital and Population Data Services Agency. The service supports the following authentication methods: personal online banking codes, a mobile certificate or a certificate card, and eIDAS or Finnish Authenticator application for foreigners: https://www.suomi.fi/instructions-and-support/identification/what-is-suomifi-e-identification)

– PRH-ID service is two factor authentication service. (Identify yourself using a user ID issued by PRH).

ePCT-Filing:

– WIPO customer certificate issued by the WIPO Customer CA (for the certificate policy, see https://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)):

ePCT private services provide access to files of international applications to the extent that they are available at the International Bureau.

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

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During its fifty-sixth (32nd extraordinary) session, held in Geneva from 9 to 17 July 2024, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) adopted, among others, amendments to Rules 89*bis*.1 and 89*bis*.2 of the *Regulations under the PCT* allowing an Office, other than the International Bureau, to require international applications or subsequently-filed documents to be submitted in electronic form only, or to require that any document submitted on paper be resubmitted in electronic form within two months. These new Rules entered into force on 1 July 2025.

In particular, new Rule 89*bis*.1(d-*bis*) provides that: "A national Office or intergovernmental organization, other than the International Bureau, that has made a notification under paragraph (d) may notify the International Bureau that it will only receive international applications if they are filed in electronic form or by electronic means. The International Bureau shall publish a notification made under this paragraph in the Gazette."

MX Mexico

In accordance with PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d-*bis*), the **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it will only receive international applications and related subsequently-filed documents if they are filed in electronic form or by electronic means, as of 18 November 2025.

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

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BR Brazil

Agreement between the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[1] – Amendment to Annex D

Following notification by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** that, in accordance with PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d-*bis*), and in its capacities as receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, the Office would only receive international applications and related subsequently-filed documents if they are filed in electronic form or by electronic means (refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 3 July 2025, page 105), the 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, which consist in the deletion of the amounts of fees and charges as well as modifications to footnotes relating to the processing of international applications and related subsequently-filed documents filed on paper, entered into force on 3 September 2025.

With effect since 3 September 2025, the amended Annex D read as follows:

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge[2]	**Amount (Brazilian reals)**
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,510
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,010
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	930
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	540
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	amount as set out in Rule 58*bis*.2
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	1,810
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rule 13*ter*.1(c) and 13*ter*.2)	260
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1*ter* and 94.2), per page	0

Part II. [No change]

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

[2] These fees are reduced by 50% under certain conditions (refer to Official Ordinance of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 10/25 of 9 May 2025).

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PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau that, due to inclement weather conditions, it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Monday, 22 September 2025.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on the next working day, Tuesday, 23 September 2025.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

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

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BG Bulgaria

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** has notified the International Bureau that, in addition to **Bulgarian leva (BGN)**, the Office will accept payment of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) in **euros (EUR)**. The amount, applicable from 1 January 2026, will be EUR 40.90.

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

BR Brazil

Following notification by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** that, in accordance with PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d-*bis*), and in its capacities as receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, the Office would only receive international applications and related subsequently-filed documents if they are filed in electronic form or by electronic means (refer to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 3 July 2025, page 105), the Office has notified the International Bureau that, with effect since 3 September 2025, it no longer sets amounts of fees and charges for international applications and related subsequently-filed documents filed on paper.

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

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)), in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 15 February 2025, is ISK 50,000.

[Updating of Annex C(IS) 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 2025, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	12.57	(online)
	EUR	25.14	(on paper)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	18.86	(electronic copy)
	EUR	50.26	(paper copy)
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	EUR	188.48	(request filed online)
	EUR	376.96	(request filed on paper)

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

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BG Bulgaria

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** has notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 January 2026, in addition to **Bulgarian leva (BGN)**, the Office will accept payment of components of the national fee in **euros (EUR)** payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee:[3]	EUR	20.45
Publication fee:	EUR	35.79

For a utility model:

Filing fee:[3]	EUR	20.45

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

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for reinstatement of rights (PCT Rule 49.6), in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable since 15 February 2025, is ISK 50,000.

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

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** 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 – a copy of the international application has to be provided to the Office within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) and the translation may be filed within two months from the expiration of that time limit. The required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase must be furnished.

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

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

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 since 1 July 2025, are as follows:

National fee:[4]

For a patent:

Filing fee:[5]	EUR	125.66	(online)
	EUR	251.32	(on paper)

For a utility model:

Filing fee:[6]	EUR	219.91	(online)
	EUR	439.82	(on paper)

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

[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] Includes publication and examination.

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

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KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** (KIPO) 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 (MOIP) (Republic of Korea)

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

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its location, which is now as follows:

Location address:	Innspurten 11C 0663 Oslo Norway

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

PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau that, due to inclement weather conditions, it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Friday, 26 September 2025.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on the next working day, Monday, 29 September 2025.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

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

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SE Sweden

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 703(a), 710(b) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)**, in its capacities as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority Specified for Supplementary Search and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified changes to its notification last published in its entirety in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 31 May 2018 (pages 244 *et seq*.).

In particular, the Office notified that, since 11 September 2025, it accepts the filing of international applications and other documents and correspondence relating to international applications in electronic form using Online Filing SE, and that, from 11 December 2025, it will no longer accept the filing of these documents via EPO Online Filing (eOLF).

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

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AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change to one of its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	1300 65 10 10 (local) (61-2) 6283 2999 (international)

[Updating of Annex B1(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the transmittal fee, in **Colombian pesos (COP)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These new amounts, applicable from 1 January 2026, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):

– electronic filing:	COP 360,000
– paper filing:	COP 476,500

[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 **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 December 2025, are EUR 93 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 412 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(EA) 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 December 2025, are EUR 93 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 464 for searches carried out in English.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

CN China

Further to the notifications published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 29 October 2020 (page 223), 6 October 2022 (page 276) and 26 October 2023 (page 194), the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau of a further extension of a pilot project between the CNIPA and the European Patent Office (EPO).

Under the aforementioned pilot project, the EPO was specified as competent International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) for international applications filed by nationals and residents of China, in English, with the CNIPA or with the receiving Office of the International Bureau, from 1 December 2020 until 30 November 2022, followed by a one-year extension from 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023, then a three-year extension from 1 December 2023 to 30 November 2026.

Pursuant to the agreement between the CNIPA and the EPO, the pilot project will now be extended for another five years, from 1 December 2026 to 30 November 2031, for a maximum of 3,000 international applications per year.

Applicants participating in the pilot, whose international search is performed by the EPO as ISA, may still file a demand for international preliminary examination with the EPO, in its capacity as IPEA.

For additional details, refer to:

https://www.epo.org/en/news-events/news/epo-and-cnipa-extend-pct-isa-pilot-until-2031 (in English); and

https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2025/9/24/art_53_201732.html (in Chinese).

[Updating of Annex C(CN) 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 several components of the national fee,[1] in **Colombian pesos (COP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable from 1 January 2026, are as follows:

	Online	On paper
For a patent:		
Filing fee:	COP 118,000	COP 146,000
Annual fees:		
for the 1st to the 4th year, per year:	COP 388,500	COP 466,500
	(578,500)[2]	(693,000)
For a utility model:		
– Filing fee:	COP 104,500	COP 128,500

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

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GB United Kingdom

Pursuant to PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and in accordance with Sections 703(a), 710(b) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office[3] (United Kingdom)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 32/2004 of 5 August 2004 (pages 18092 *et seq*.), as modified in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 9 September 2011 (pages 124 *et seq*.), 28 April 2022 (page 103) and 4 August 2022 (page 206).

[1] Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable fee amount.

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

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

In particular, as from 1 January 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). From 1 January 2026, the Office is prepared to 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(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **new lei (RON)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2026, are as follows.

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):		RON	508	
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):		RON	102	plus copying costs

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

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Serbian dinars (RSD)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. These new amounts, applicable since 1 July 2025, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):[1]		RSD	10,320	
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):[1]		RSD	2,480	for the first document up to 10 pages
	plus	RSD	610	for each subsequent document up to 10 pages
	plus	RSD	30	per page in excess of 10 pages
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):[1]		RSD	4,150	

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

[1] This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

RECEIVING OFFICES

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic** 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 – applicable since 1 July 2025, one copy must now be filed, instead of three.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of various components of its national fee, in **Serbian dinars (RSD)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable since 1 July 2025, are as follows (the fees are reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person):

Fee for reinstatement of rights:	RSD 5,160
For patent:	
Filing fee:	RSD 10,320
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	RSD 1,010
Examination fee:	RSD 10,320
Annual fee for the first three years:	RSD 14,470
For petty patent:	
Filing fee:	RSD 10,320

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

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of various components of its national fee, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable since 1 July 2025, are as follows (national fees must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), or if not paid within that time limit, within 15 days from the receipt of an invitation to pay the filing fee):

For patent:

Filing fee:

– where the application is filed by an inventor or co-inventors:	EUR	50
– where the application is filed by an applicant other than the inventor or by applicants other than the co-inventors:	EUR	100

For utility model:

Filing fee:

– where the application is filed by an inventor or co-inventors:	EUR	60
– where the application is filed by an applicant other than the inventor or by applicants other than the co-inventors:	EUR	120

The Office also notified changes to the conditions for exemption, reduction or refund of the national fee, applicable since 1 July 2025: the national filing fee is now reduced by 50% where the application is filed by electronic means, however, the fee shall be reduced by a maximum of EUR 50.

In addition, the Office notified changes to its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* (Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27) – applicable since 1 September 2025, for the translation of the international application for a patent, or for a utility model, one copy must now be filed, instead of three.

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

DK Denmark

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Danish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified a change to its notification last published in its entirety in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 7 July 2016 (pages 157 *et seq*.).

In particular, as from 31 December 2025, the Office will decommission EPO Online Filing (eOLF) as an electronic filing software at the Office. From 1 January 2026, the Office is prepared to 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(DK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IB International Bureau of WIPO

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **International Bureau of WIPO**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified a change to its notification last published in its entirety in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 11 February 2021 (pages 23 *et seq*.).

In particular, as from 1 January 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). The Office is prepared to 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(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified a change to its notification last published in its entirety in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 10 December 2015 (pages 203 *et seq*.).

In particular, since 1 January 2024, the Office no longer accepts the filing of international applications and other documents and correspondence relating to international applications in electronic form using EPO Online Filing (eOLF). The Office accepts 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(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PATENT AND UTILITY MODEL DOCUMENTS FORMING PART OF THE MINIMUM DOCUMENTATION

Amended PCT Rule 34.1(e)[2], 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 from 1 January 2026**, requires the International Bureau to validate the availability of the patent and utility model documents notified in accordance with PCT Rule 34.1(d)[2], 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 Offices have made notifications under PCT Rule 34.1(d) and the International Bureau has validated the availability of the documents so notified. Consequently, with effect from 1 January 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.

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent and utility model documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[3].

Type of document	Publication Dates		Format of Documents	Source of Documents
	From	To		
Published application for national or regional patent	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office

[2] Refer to Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 30 November 2023, p. 223 *et seq*.

[3] Refer to Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 4 September 2025, p.137 *et seq*.

Utility model issued	01/01/2006		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	15/10/2005		PDF (image-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	10/07/1899	27/06/1994	Paper	Collections available on request
Published national or regional patent	10/07/1899		PDF (image-based)	Online repository hosted by another Office
Published national or regional patent	15/10/2005		PDF (text-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	27/12/1994		Paper	Collections available on request
Utility model issued	25/07/1994		PDF (image-based)	Online repository hosted by another Office
Utility model issued	15/10/2005		PDF (text-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[4].

Type of document	**ST.16 Code**	**Publication Dates**		**Format of Documents**	**Source of Documents**
		From	To		
Published application for national or regional patent	A1, A2, A4, A5, A6, A8, A9, C1, C8, C9	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office

[4] Refer to Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 4 September 2025, p. 137 *et seq.*

Published national or regional patent	B1, B2, B4, B8, B9, C1, C4, C8, C9	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	Bn*, Cn*	01/01/1904	31/12/2025	PDF (image-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	An*, Cn*	01/01/1904	31/12/2025	PDF (image-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office

*Note: “n” stands for a single digit number (for example: A0, B0, A1, B1, B2) because ST.16 publication codes for Australian patent publications have changed over the century.

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified the International Bureau under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent and utility model documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[5].

Type of document	**ST.16 Code**	**Publication Dates**		**Format of Documents**	**Source of Documents**
		From	To		
Published application for national or regional patent	A2	01/01/1991	31/12/2025	PDF (text-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A2	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B1	01/01/1991	31/12/2025	PDF (text-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B1	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office

[5] Refer to Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 4 September 2025, p. 137 *et seq.*

Published application for national or regional patent	E2	01/01/1991	31/12/2025	PDF (text-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	E2	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	F1	01/01/1991	31/12/2025	PDF (text-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	F1	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model application	U2	01/01/1991	31/12/2025	PDF (text-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model application	U2	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	Y1	01/01/1991	31/12/2025	PDF (text-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	Y1	01/12/2025		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[6].

Type of document	**ST.16 Code**	**Publication Dates**		**Format of Documents**	**Source of Documents**
		From	To		
Published national or regional patent	A, B, C, E, F	01/01/1869		Full text (ST.36, ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office

[6] Refer to Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 4 September 2025, p. 137 *et seq.*

Published application for national or regional patent	A1	01/01/1869		Full text (ST.36, ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	A, B, C, E, F	01/01/1920		PDF (image-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A1	01/01/1920		PDF (image-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office

CH Switzerland

The **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified the International Bureau under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[7].

Type of document	**ST.16 Code**	**Publication Dates**		**Format of Documents**	**Source of Documents**
		From	To		
Published national or regional patent	B1	01/07/2008		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B2	01/07/2008		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B2	01/07/2008		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B8	01/07/2008		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B9	01/07/2008		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office

[7] Refer to Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 4 September 2025, p. 137 *et seq.*

Published national or regional patent	C1	01/07/2008		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	C2	01/07/2008		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	C3	01/07/2008		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	C9	01/07/2008		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	H1	01/07/2008		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	H2	01/07/2008		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	H3	01/07/2008		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	H9	01/07/2008		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A1	01/07/2008		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A2	01/07/2008		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A3	01/07/2008		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A8	01/07/2008		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office

Published application for national or regional patent	A9	01/07/2008		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	A5	01/01/1978	31/07/2008	Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by another Office
Published national or regional patent	B5	01/01/1978	31/07/2008	Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by another Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A3	01/01/1978	30/06/2008	Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by another Office
Published national or regional patent	A	01/01/1888	14/02/1975	Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by another Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A4	01/01/1962	31/12/1977	Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by another Office
Published national or regional patent	A5	15/02/1975	31/12/1977	Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by another Office
Published national or regional patent	B	31/07/1962	14/02/1975	Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by another Office
Published national or regional patent	E	01/01/1889	31/012/1907	Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by another Office

The publications hosted by another office are all hosted by the EPO.

CL Chile

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** has notified the International Bureau under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent and utility model documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[8].

Type of document	**ST.16 Code**	**Publication Dates**		**Format of Documents**	**Source of Documents**
		From	To		
Published national or regional patent	B1	01/01/1991	30/11/2005	Paper	Collections available on request
Published national or regional patent	B1	01/12/2005	31/12/2008	PDF (Image-based)	Collections available on request
Published national or regional patent	B1	01/01/2009	31/12/2025	PDF (text-based)	Collections available on request
Published national or regional patent	B1	01/01/2026	31/12/2100	Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	Y1	01/01/1991	30/11/2005	Paper	Collections available on request
Utility model issued	Y1	01/12/2005	31/12/2008	PDF (image-based)	Collections available on request
Utility model issued	Y1	01/01/2009	31/12/2025	PDF (text-based)	Collections available on request
Utility model issued	Y1	01/01/2026	31/12/2100	Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office

[8] Refer to Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 4 September 2025, p. 137 *et seq.*

CN China

The **China national Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent and utility model documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[9].

Type of document	ST.16 Code	Publication Dates		Format of Documents	Source of Documents
		From	To		
Published application for national or regional patent	A, A8, A9	10/09/1985		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B, B8, B9	10/09/1985	30/12/1992	Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B, B8, B9	07/04/2010		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	C, C8, C9	06/01/1993	31/03/2010	Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office

CZ Czechia

The **Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic** has notified the International Bureau under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent and utility model documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[10].

Type of document	ST.16 Code	Publication Dates		Format of Documents	Source of Documents
		From	To		
Published national or regional patent	B6	01/01/1973		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office

[9] Refer to Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 4 September 2025, p. 137 *et seq*.

[10] Refer to Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 4 September 2025, p. 137 *et seq*.

Published national or regional patent	B6	10/04/1905	01/01/1973	PDF (image-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A3	31/12/1979		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	U	25/11/1992		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office

Correction documents issued for above mentioned (kind codes A8, A9, B8, B9, U8 and U9) compliant with ST.50 are also available.
For documents of kind code B6 published between 10/04/1905 and 01/01/1973 bibliographic data in ST.96 is available (no searchable full text included).

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified the International Bureau under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent and utility model documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[11].

Type of document	**ST.16 Code**	**Publication Dates**		**Format of Documents**	**Source of Documents**
		From	To		
Published national or regional patent	B, C	01/01/1991		Full text (plain text)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A	01/01/1991		Full text (plain text)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	U	01/01/1991		Full text (plain text)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B, C	01/01/1920	31/12/1990	PDF (text-based)	Collections available on request

[11] Refer to Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 4 September 2025, p. 137 *et seq.*

Published application for national or regional patent	A	01/01/1920	31/12/1990	PDF (text-based)	Collections available on request
Utility model issued	U	01/01/1920	31/12/1990	PDF (text-based)	Collections available on request

The documents between 01/01/1920 and 31/12/1990 may not be available in the indicated format in every single case. They will, within the framework of para 18 Annex H, be made available on request to the extent they are actually available.

DK Denmark

The **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent and utility model documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[12].

Type of document	**ST.16 Code**	**Publication Dates**		**Format of Documents**	**Source of Documents**
		From	To		
Published national or regional patent	B	03/01/1972	26/07/1993	PDF (image-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B1	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B1	17/05/1993		PDF (image-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B2	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B2	01/11/1991		PDF (image-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B3	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office

[12] Refer to Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 4 September 2025, p.137 *et seq*.

Published national or regional patent	B3	09/07/2001		PDF (image-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B4	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B4	22/01/2020		PDF (image-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B9	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B9	10/02/2014		PDF (image-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	C	08/07/1895	08/11/1997	PDF (image-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model application	U1	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model application	U1	22/02/2013		PDF (image-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	U3	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	U3	28/08/1998		PDF (image-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	U4	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	U4	13/02/1998		PDF (image-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office

Utility model issued	U9	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	U9	10/03/2017		PDF (image-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	Y3	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	Y3	25/10/2013		PDF (image-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	Y4	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	Y4	09/11/1998		PDF (image-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	Y6	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	Y6	10/12/1999		PDF (image-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	Z6	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	Z6	23/07/1999		PDF (image-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

The **Eurasian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[13].

Type of document	ST.16 Code	Publication Dates		Format of Documents	Source of Documents
		From	To		
Published application for national or regional patent	A1	30/12/1996	31/12/2025	PDF (image-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A1	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.36)*	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A2	01/07/1996	31/12/2025	PDF (image-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A2	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.36)*	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B1	31/03/1997		Full text (ST.36)**	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B2	24/02/2006		Full text (ST.36)**	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B3	28/02/2018		Full text (ST.36)**	Online repository hosted by this Office

*Also available as Full text (ST.96)
**Also available as Full text (ST.96) for publication dates 01/09/2025 - onwards

[13] Refer to Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 4 September 2025, p. 137 *et seq.*

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[14].

Type of document	**ST.16 Code**	**Publication Dates**		**Format of Documents**	**Source of Documents**
		From	To		
Published application for national or regional patent	A1	20/12/1978		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A1	20/12/1978		PDF (text-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A2	20/12/1978		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A2	20/12/1978		PDF (text-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A9	13/03/2002		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A9	13/03/2002		PDF (text-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B1	07/01/1981		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B1	07/01/1981		PDF (text-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B2	21/11/1984		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office

[14] Refer to Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 4 September 2025, p. 137 *et seq.*

Published national or regional patent	B2	21/11/1984		PDF (text-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B3	28/04/2010		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B3	28/04/2010		PDF (text-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B9	28/05/2003		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B9	28/05/2003		PDF (text-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent and utility model documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[15].

Type of document	**ST.16 Code**	**Publication Dates**		**Format of Documents**	**Source of Documents**
		From	To		
Published application for national or regional patent	A1, A2, A6, A8, A9 R1, R2, R8, R9	01/06/1987		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B1, B2, B4, B5, B8, B9			Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model application	U	01/06/1987		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office

[15] Refer to Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 4 September 2025, p. 137 *et seq.*

Utility model issued	Y[1], Y1, Y2, Y8 and Y9	01/06/1987		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A1, A2, A3 [2]	01/01/1930	31/05/1987	PDF (text-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	A1, A2, A3 [2]	01/01/1930	31/05/1987	PDF (text-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model application	U	16/10/1929	31/05/1987	PDF (text-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	Y[1]	16/10/1929	31/05/1987	PDF (text-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A1[2]	01/01/1920	31/12/1929	Paper	Collections available on request
Published national or regional patent	A1[2]	01/01/1920	31/12/1929	Paper	Collections available on request

[1] Issued Utility Models with kind code Y do not have a separated publication from the U first publication.
[2] First and only level of publication.

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified the International Bureau under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent and utility model documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[16].

Type of document	ST.16 Code	Publication Dates		Format of Documents	Source of Documents
		From	To		
Published application for national or regional patent	A1	01/01/2024		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B1	01/01/2024		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model application	U1	01/01/2024		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	Y1	01/01/2024		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A1	01/09/2018	31/12/2023	PDF (image-based)	Collections available on request
Published national or regional patent	A, B, C	01/01/1920	31/12/2023	PDF (image-based)	Collections available on request
Utility model issued	U1, Y1	01/01/1992	31/12/2023	PDF (image-based)	Collections available on request

[16] Refer to Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 4 September 2025, p. 137 *et seq.*

GB United Kingdom

The **Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom)** has notified the International Bureau under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[17].

Type of document	ST.16 Code	Publication Dates		Format of Documents	Source of Documents
		From	To		
Published application for national or regional patent	A, A8, A9	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A, A8, A9	04/01/1979	31/12/2025	Full text (ST.36)	Collections available on request
Published application for national or regional patent	A, A8, A9	01/01/1920		PDF (image-based)	Collections available on request
Published national or regional patent	B, B8	06/01/1982		PDF (image-based)	Collections available on request
Published national or regional patent	C, C2, C3	06/01/1982		PDF (image-based)	Collections available on request

HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** has notified the International Bureau under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent and utility model documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[18].

Type of document	ST.16 Code	Publication Dates		Format of Documents	Source of Documents
		From	To		
Published national or regional patent	B	01/01/2026	.	Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office

[17] Refer to Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 4 September 2025, p. 137 *et seq*.

[18] Refer to Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 4 September 2025, p. 137 *et seq*.

Published application for national or regional patent	A1, A2	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	U	01/01/1992	31/12/2025	PDF (text-based)	Collections available on request
Utility model issued	U	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B	01/01/1991	31/12/2025	PDF (text-based)	Collections available on request
Published application for national or regional patent	A1, A2	01/01/1991	31/12/2025	PDF (text-based)	Collections available on request

IB International Bureau of WIPO

The **International Bureau of WIPO** has notified under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[19].

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		From	To		
International application for patent	A1, A2, A4, A8, A9	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
International application for patent	A1, A2, A4, A8, A9	19/10/1978	31/12/2025	Full text (ST.36)	Collections available on request

[19] Refer to Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 4 September 2025, p. 137 *et seq.*

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[20].

Type of document	ST.16 Code	Publication Dates		Format of Documents	Source of Documents
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Published national or regional patent	B2	01/01/1991		Full text (plain text)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B2	01/01/1991		PDF (text-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A	01/08/2012		Full text (plain text)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	A	01/08/2012		PDF (text-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)** has notified the International Bureau under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[21].

Type of document	ST.16 Code	Publication Dates		Format of Documents	Source of Documents
		From	To		
Published national or regional patent	B	01/01/2025		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A	01/01/2025		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office

[20] Refer to Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 4 September 2025, p. 137 *et seq*.

[21] Refer to Official Notices (PCT Gazette*)* dated 4 September 2025, p. 137 *et seq*.

Published national or regional patent	B	01/01/2000	31/12/2024	PDF (text-based)	Collections available on request
Published application for national or regional patent	A	01/01/2000	31/12/2024	PDF (text-based)	Collections available on request
Published national or regional patent	B	01/01/1920	31/12/1999	Paper	Collections available on request
Published application for national or regional patent	A	01/01/1920	31/12/1999	Paper	Collections available on request

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office (JPO)** has notified the International Bureau under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent and utility model documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[22].

Type of document	**ST.16 Code**	**Publication Dates**		**Format of Documents**	**Source of Documents**
		From	To		
Published national or regional patent	C1, C2	20/01/1920	28/12/1956	Other online image-based	Collections available on request
Published national or regional patent	B1, B2, B5, B6, B7	09/06/1922	24/12/1993	Other online image-based	Collections available on request
Published national or regional patent	B1, B2, B5, B6, B7	07/01/1991	14/06/2004	Full text (plain text)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B1, B2, B5, B6, B7	07/07/2004	05/01/2022	Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B1, B2, B5, B6, B7	12/01/2022		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office

[22] Refer to Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 4 September 2025, p. 137 *et seq.*

Published national or regional patent	B1, B2, B5, B6, B7	07/07/2004	05/01/2022	PDF (text-based)	Collections available on request
Published application for national or regional patent	A, A5, A6, A7	16/07/1971	25/12/1992	Other online image-based	Collections available on request
Published application for national or regional patent	A, A5, A6, A7	07/01/1991	05/12/2003	Full text (plain text)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A, A5, A6, A7	08/01/2004	11/01/2022	Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A, A5, A6, A7	12/01/2022		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A, A5, A6, A7	08/01/2004	11/01/2022	PDF (text-based)	Collections available on request
Utility model issued	Z1, Z2	20/01/1920	28/12/1956	Other online image-based	Collections available on request
Utility model issued	Y1, Y2, Y5, Y6, Y7	01/06/1922	24/12/1993	Other online image-based	Collections available on request
Utility model issued	Y1, Y2, Y5, Y6, Y7	07/01/1991	26/04/2004	Full text (plain text)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	Y1, Y2, Y5, Y6, Y7	07/07/2004	16/06/2010	Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model application	U, U5, U6, U7	13/09/1971	25/12/1992	Other online image-based	Collections available on request

Utility model application	U, U5, U6, U7	07/01/1991	07/11/2003	Full text (plain text)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model application	U, U5, U6, U7	15/01/2004	09/02/2006	Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	U, U5, U6, U7	26/07/1994	03/10/2003	Full text (plain text)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	U, U5, U6, U7	08/01/2004	06/01/2022	Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	U, U5, U6, U7	12/01/2022		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	Y1, Y2, Y5, Y6, Y7	07/07/2004	16/06/2010	PDF (text-based)	Collections available on request
Utility model application	U, U5, U6, U7	15/01/2004	09/02/2006	PDF (text-based)	Collections available on request
Utility model issued	U, U5, U6, U7	08/01/2004	06/01/2022	PDF (text-based)	Collections available on request

KR Republic of Korea

The **Ministry of Intellectual Property (MOIP) (Republic of Korea)** has notified the International Bureau under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent and utility model documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[23].

Type of document	**ST.16 Code**	**Publication Dates**		**Format of Documents**	**Source of Documents**
		From	To		
Published national or regional patent	B1	12/07/1979		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office

[23] Refer to Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 4 September 2025, p. 137 *et seq.*

Published application for national or regional patent	A	03/03/1983		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	Y1	11/07/1979		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model application	U	25/01/1983		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office

PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent and utility model documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[24].

Type of document	**ST.16 Code**	**Publication Dates**		**Format of Documents**	**Source of Documents**
		From	To		
Published Patent Application with Search Report	A1	24/09/2012	31/12/2025	PDF (text-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Patent Application Published with Search Report	A1	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published Patent Application without Search Report	A2	24/09/2017	31/12/2025	PDF (text-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published Search Report for A2 document	A3	02/10/2017	31/12/2025	PDF (text-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published Patent Divisional Application with Search Report	A10		31/10/2025	PDF (text-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office

[24] Refer to Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 4 September 2025, p. 137 *et seq.*

Published Patent Divisional Application with Search Report	A10	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published Granted Patent	B1	07/09/2017	31/12/2025	PDF (text-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published Granted Patent	B1	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Early Publication of Patent Application with Search Report	E1	01/09/2016	31/12/2025	PDF (text-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Early Publication of Patent Application with Search Report	E1	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published Utility Model for Adverse Information	U1	21/05/2012	31/12/2025	PDF (text-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published Utility Model for Adverse Information	U1	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Re-published Utility Model with Amendments	U2		31/12/2025	PDF (text-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Re-published Utility Model with Amendments	U2	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published Registered Utility Model	U3	28/03/2022	31/12/2025	PDF (text-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published Registered Utility Model	U3	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified the International Bureau under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent and utility model documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[25].

Type of document	ST.16 Code	Publication Dates		Format of Documents	Source of Documents
		From	To		
Published application for national or regional patent	A1	12/10/2009		PDF (image-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B1	26/05/1924		PDF (text-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B1	01/01/2023		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	Y1	08/01/1988		PDF (image-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	Y1	01/01/2023		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent and utility model documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[26].

Type of document	ST.16 Code	Publication Dates		Format of Documents	Source of Documents
		From	To		
Published national or regional patent	C, C1, C2, C8, C9	01/01/1994		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office

[25] Refer to Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 4 September 2025, p. 137 *et seq*.

[26] Refer to Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 4 September 2025, p. 137 *et seq*.

Published application for national or regional patent	A, A1, A3, A8	01/01/1994		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	U1, U8, U9	01/01/1994		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Certificate for Invention (former Soviet Union only)	A1, A2, A3, A4	01/01/1924	31/12/1993	Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)** has notified the International Bureau under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[27].

Type of document	**ST.16 Code**	**Publication Dates**		**Format of Documents**	**Source of Documents**
		From	To		
Published application for national or regional patent	A0	01/01/1959		PDF (image-based)	Collections available on request
Published application for national or regional patent	A1	13/04/2010	31/12/2017	Full text (plain text)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A1	01/01/2018		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A2	13/04/2010	31/12/2017	Full text (plain text)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A2	01/01/2018		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office

[27] Refer to Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 4 September 2025, p. 137 *et seq.*

Published national or regional patent	B	01/01/1968	31/12/1972	PDF (image-based)	Collections available on request
Published national or regional patent	B	01/01/1973		Full text (plain text)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	C	01/01/1968	31/12/1972	PDF (image-based)	Collections available on request
Published national or regional patent	C	01/01/1973		Full text (plain text)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	C1	01/01/1885	31/12/1972	PDF (image-based)	Collections available on request
Published national or regional patent	C1	01/01/1973	31/12/1978	Full text (plain text)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	C2	01/01/1994	31/12/2017	Full text (plain text)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	C2	01/01/2018		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	C3	01/01/1994	31/12/2017	Full text (plain text)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	C3	01/01/2018		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	C5	01/01/1994	31/12/2017	Full text (plain text)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	C5	01/01/2018		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office

Published national or regional patent	E	01/01/1994	31/12/2017	Full text (plain text)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	E	01/01/2018		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	E1	01/07/2014	31/12/2017	Full text (plain text)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	E1	01/01/2018		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	E5	01/01/2007	31/12/2017	Full text (plain text)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	E5	01/01/2018		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	E9	01/01/1994	31/12/2017	Full text (plain text)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	E9	01/01/2018		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	L	01/01/1971	31/12/1972	PDF (image-based)	Collections available on request
Published application for national or regional patent	L	01/01/1973	13/04/2010	Full text (plain text)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	L1	01/01/2000	13/04/2010	Full text (plain text)	Online repository hosted by this Office

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[28].

Type of document	Publication Dates		Format of Documents	Source of Documents
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Published application for national or regional patent	01/01/2026		Full text (plain text)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	01/01/2026		Full text (plain text)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	01/01/1991		Full text (plain text)	Collections available on request
Published national or regional patent	01/01/1991		Full text (plain text)	Collections available on request

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic** has notified the International Bureau under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent and utility model documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[29].

Type of document	ST.16 Code	Publication Dates		Format of Documents	Source of Documents
		From	To		
Published application for national or regional patent	A3	07/07/1993		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B6, B7	08/12/1993		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	U	07/07/1993	05/12/2008	Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office

[28] Refer to Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 4 September 2025, p. 137 *et seq*.

[29] Refer to Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 4 September 2025, p. 137 *et seq*.

Utility model application	U1	07/04/2008		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	Y1, Y2, Y3	07/01/2009		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office

TR Türkiye

The **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)** has notified the International Bureau under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent and utility model documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[30].

Type of document	**ST.16 Code**	**Publication Dates**		**Format of Documents**	**Source of Documents**
		From	To		
Published application for national or regional patent	A, T	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B, T	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model application	U	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Utility model issued	Y	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A, T	01/01/1991	31/12/2025	PDF (image-based)	Collections available on request
Published national or regional patent	B, T	01/01/1991	31/12/2025	PDF (image-based)	Collections available on request

[30] Refer to Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 4 September 2025, p. 137 *et seq.*

Utility model application	U	01/06/1996	31/12/2025	PDF (image-based)	Collections available on request
Utility model issued	Y	01/06/1996	31/12/2025	PDF (image-based)	Collections available on request
Published application for national or regional patent	A, T	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office

UA Ukraine

The **State Organization "Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations" (UANIPIO)** has notified the International Bureau under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[31].

Type of document	**ST.16 Code**	**Publication Dates**		**Format of Documents**	**Source of Documents**
		From	To		
Published national or regional patent	C2	27/12/1994		Full text (plain text)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A	30/04/1993		Full text (plain text)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Ukrainian patent publication based on Certificate for Invention of the former USSR	A1	30/04/1993	10/04/2009	Full text (plain text)	Online repository hosted by this Office

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

HN Honduras

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

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E-mail:	patentes@ip.gob.hn Josue.mejia@ip.gob.hn Jose.morazan@ip.gob.hn

[Updating of Annex B(HN) 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)

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Austrian Patent Office**, in its capacities as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority Specified for Supplementary Search and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified changes to its notification last published in its entirety in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 20 February 2014 (pages 26 *et seq*.).

In particular, as from 31 October 2025, 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(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PATENT AND UTILITY MODEL DOCUMENTS FORMING PART OF THE MINIMUM DOCUMENTATION

Amended PCT Rule 34.1(e)[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 from 1 January 2026, requires the International Bureau to validate the availability of the patent and utility model documents notified in accordance with PCT Rule 34.1(d)[1], 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 Offices have made notifications under PCT Rule 34.1(d) and the International Bureau has validated the availability of the documents so notified. Consequently, **with effect from 1 January 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.

EG Egypt

The **Egyptian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[2].

Type of document	ST.16 Code	Publication Dates		Format of Documents	Source of Documents
		From	To		
Published national or regional patent	B	01/01/1996	31/12/2021	Full text (plain text)	Collections available on request
Published national or regional patent	B	01/01/2022	31/12/2025	Full text (ST.36)	Collections available on request
Published national or regional patent	B	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office

[1] Refer to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 30 November 2023, p. 223 *et seq*.
[2] Refer to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 September 2025, p. 137 *et seq*.

IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[3].

Type of document	ST.16 Code	Publication Dates		Format of Documents	Source of Documents
		From	To		
Published national or regional patent	B1	01/01/2026		Full text (plain text)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A	01/01/2026		Full text (plain text)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A	01/01/2005	31/12/2025	PDF (text-based)	Collections available on request

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified the International Bureau under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[4].

Type of document	ST.16 Code	Publication Dates		Format of Documents	Source of Documents
		From	To		
Published application for national or regional patent	A1	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A9	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office

[3] Refer to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 September 2025, p. 137 *et seq*.

[4] Refer to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 September 2025, p. 137 *et seq*.

Published national or regional patent	B1	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B2	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B3	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B4	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B9	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	T3	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	T4	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	T9	01/01/2026		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	L	02/01/1991	30/06/2014	Full text (ST.96)	Collections available on request
Published application for national or regional patent	A	01/01/1920	13/12/2010	Full text (ST.96)	Collections available on request
Published application for national or regional patent	A1	17/05/1999	31/12/2025	Full text (ST.96)	Collections available on request

Published national or regional patent	B	01/01/1920	07/07/1997	Full text (ST.96)	Collections available on request
Published national or regional patent	C	02/01/1991	07/04/2008	Full text (ST.96)	Collections available on request
Published national or regional patent	B1	06/04/1992	31/12/2025	Full text (ST.96)	Collections available on request
Published national or regional patent	B2	24/11/1997	31/12/2025	Full text (ST.96)	Collections available on request
Published national or regional patent	B3	25/08/1993	31/12/2025	Full text (ST.96)	Collections available on request
Published national or regional patent	T3	15/06/2013	31/12/2025	Full text (ST.96)	Collections available on request

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has notified the International Bureau under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[5].

Type of document	**ST.16 Code**	**Publication Dates**		**Format of Documents**	**Source of Documents**
		From	To		
Published national or regional patent	B1	23/12/1995	01/01/2015	Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	A1	01/01/2015		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	B1	01/01/2015		Full text (ST.96)	Online repository hosted by this Office

[5] Refer to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 September 2025, p. 137 *et seq.*

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau under amended PCT Rule 34.1(d) that the following patent documents have been made available in accordance with the requirements specified in the amended Administrative Instructions under the PCT[6].

Type of document	**Publication Dates**		**Format of Documents**	**Source of Documents**
	From	To		
Published national or regional patent	31/07/1790		PDF (image-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	06/01/1976	25/12/2001	Full text (plain text)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published national or regional patent	02/01/2001		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	15/03/2001		PDF (image-based)	Online repository hosted by this Office
Published application for national or regional patent	15/03/2001		Full text (ST.36)	Online repository hosted by this Office

[6] Refer to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 September 2025, p. 137 *et seq.*

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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FI Finland

Agreement between the Finnish Patent and Registration Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[1] - Amendment 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 January 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))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Supplementary search fees (Rule 45*bis*.3(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	690
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	690
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13*ter*.1(c) and 13*ter*.2)	210
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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

ME Montenegro

The **Ministry of Economic Development (Montenegro)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its telephone number, which is now as follows:

Telephone: (382) 20 234 592

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

ZW Zimbabwe

The **Zimbabwe Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone numbers, its e-mail address and its facsimile number, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (263-242) 78 18 35
(263-242) 77 55 44
(263-242) 77 55 45
(263-242) 77 55 46
(263-242) 77 53 73
(263-242) 77 56 02
Chief Registrar:
(263-242) 77 51 62 (direct line)
(263-773) 56 02 84 (mobile phone)

E-mail: wmushayi@gmail.com

Facsimile machine: (263-242) 77 73 72

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rule 13*ter*.1(c)), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2026, is EUR 210.

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, and applicable from 1 January 2026, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	EUR	690
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	EUR	690
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rule 13*ter*.2)	EUR	210

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CR Costa Rica

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

E-mail: vcohen@rnp.go.cr
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jlizano@rnp.go.cr
dmarenco@rnp.go.cr

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following consultations undertaken by the Director General of WIPO in October 2025, in accordance with the Directives adopted by the PCT Assembly[1] and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the **international filing fee** (including the fee per sheet over 30 and fee reductions when an international application is filed in electronic form) and the **handling fee**, respectively, have been established in **various currencies** with effect from 1 January 2026, as indicated in table 1 published at the end of this issue of the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)*. This table shows both the current equivalent amounts in the prescribed currencies, and, in bold print, any new equivalent amounts of those fees corresponding to the amounts in Swiss francs (CHF) set out in the current Schedule of Fees.[2]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of **search fees** have been established in the **prescribed currencies of receiving Offices** for all International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 January 2026, as indicated in table 2 published at the end of this issue of the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)*. This table shows both the current equivalent amounts, and, in bold print, any new equivalent amounts of the search fees fixed by the International Searching Authorities.

[1] The *Directives of the PCT Assembly Relating to the Establishment of Equivalent Amounts of Certain Fees* are available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/fees/equivalent_amounts

[2] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/texts/rules/rtax

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the **supplementary search fees** have been established in **Swiss francs (CHF)** for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, also with effect from 1 January 2026, as indicated in table 3 published at the end of this issue of the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)*. This table shows the supplementary search fees fixed by the Authorities, as well as the new equivalent amounts of those fees in Swiss francs (CHF).

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

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all Annexes SISA,

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RECEIVING OFFICES

QA Qatar

The **Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)** has specified the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) – in addition to the Egyptian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, with effect since 1 October 2025, for international applications filed with the Intellectual Property Department (Qatar) or with the receiving Office of the International Bureau of WIPO, by nationals and residents of Qatar.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to one component of its national fee[3,4] payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The change is applicable since 18 November 2024. The list of the said components is now as follows:

National fee:

For patent and utility model:

Fee for examination as to form and publication of the application:

Up to 30 pages of application materials:[5]	Equivalent in GEL of USD	100
For each additional page over 30:[6]	Equivalent in GEL of USD	1

Furthermore, the Office notified changes to its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* (Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27). The Office requires:

– Appointment of a patent attorney if the applicant is not resident in Georgia;
– Power of attorney if a patent attorney or representative is appointed.

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

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)** has notified additional information concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

If the application refers to a biological material or other similar objects, it shall be accompanied by a document certifying the deposit, issued by an International Depositary Authority under the Budapest Treaty. The document shall include the

[3] Fees are reduced by 70% where the applicant is the inventor, a higher educational institution or an independent scientific-research unit, and by 90% where the applicant is a student, pupil or pensioner.

[4] Fees are reduced by 20% for applications filed electronically.

[5] This fee must be paid within one month from the date of request for entry into the national phase.

[6] This fee must be paid within one month from the date of the invitation to pay.

name of the depository institution, the designation of the deposited material, its registration number, the date of deposit and a full description of the material.

The material to be deposited shall be submitted no later than the date of filing of the application with the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI). The document certifying the deposit of the material may be filed within two months from the date of filing of the application.

[Updating of Annex L(GE) 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 can 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 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

SA Saudi Arabia

In accordance with the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS as an accessing Office, with effect from 1 September 2025.[7]

[7] For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/en/web/das/participating-offices/search-details?territoryId=149

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2026)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on October 6, 2025	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees Item 3	
				Item 4(a)	Item 4(b)	Item 4(c)		
Reference currency Swiss franc		1,330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar		2,506	28	n.a	377	565	377	Current amount
	0.52653	**2,526**	28	n.a	**380**	**570**	**380**	**New amount**
CAD - Canadian dollar		2,229	25	n.a	335	503	335	Current amount
	0.57153	**2,327**	**26**	n.a	**350**	**525**	**350**	**New amount**
CNY - Yuan renminbi		11,620	130	n.a	1,750	2,620	1,750	Current amount
	0.11167	**11,910**	130	n.a	**1,790**	**2,690**	**1,790**	**New amount**
DKK - Danish krone		10,560	120	n.a	1,590	2,380	1,590	Current amount
	0.12477	**10,660**	120	n.a	**1,600**	**2,400**	**1,600**	**New amount**
EUR - Euro		1,417	16	107	213	320	213	Current amount
	0.93167	**1,428**	16	107	**215**	**322**	**215**	**New amount**
GBP - Pound sterling		1,189	13	n.a	179	268	n.a	Current amount
	1.07120	**1,242**	14	n.a	**187**	**280**	n.a	**New amount**
HUF - Hungarian forint		570,800	6,400	n.a	85,800	128,800	n.a	Current amount
	0.00239	**556,500**	**6,300**	n.a	**83,700**	**125,500**	n.a	**New amount**
ILS - New Israeli shekel		n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	875	Current amount
	0.24333	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	**822**	**New amount**
ISK - Icelandic krona		210,400	2,400	n.a	31,600	47,500	n.a	Current amount
	0.00657	**202,400**	**2,300**	n.a	**30,400**	**45,700**	n.a	**New amount**
JPY - Japanese yen		242,700	2,700	n.a	n.a	54,700	36,500	Current amount
	0.00531	**250,500**	**2,800**	n.a	n.a	**56,500**	**37,700**	**New amount**
KRW - Korean won		n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	345,000	Current amount
	0.00056	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	**357,000**	**New amount**
NOK - Norwegian krone		16,520	190	n.a	2,480	3,730	n.a	Current amount
	0.08011	**16,600**	190	n.a	**2,500**	**3,740**	n.a	**New amount**
NZD - New Zealand dollar		2,695	30	n.a	405	608	n.a	Current amount
	0.46443	**2,864**	**32**	n.a	**431**	**646**	n.a	**New amount**
SAR - Saudi riyal		6,057	**68**	n.a	911	1,366	911	Current amount
	0.21279	**6,250**	**70**	n.a	**940**	**1,410**	**940**	**New amount**
SEK - Swedish krona		15,140	170	n.a	2,280	3,410	2,280	Current amount
	0.08480	**15,680**	**180**	n.a	**2,360**	**3,540**	**2,360**	**New amount**
SGD - Singapore dollar		2,026	23	n.a	305	457	305	Current amount
	0.61680	**2,156**	**24**	n.a	**324**	**486**	**324**	**New amount**
USD - US dollar		1,603	18	121	241	362	241	Current amount
	0.79797	**1,667**	**19**	**125**	**251**	**376**	**251**	**New amount**
ZAR - South African rand		29,860	340	n.a	4,490	6,740	n.a	Current amount
	0.04625	**28,760**	**320**	n.a	**4,320**	**6,490**	n.a	**New amount**

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2026)

International Searching Authority	**ISA/AT**		**ISA/AU**		**ISA/BR**		**ISA/CA**		
Reference currency & amount	EUR	1,845	AUD	2,200	BRL	2,510	CAD	2,317.68	
Exchange rates applicable on October 6, 2025	*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		
CHF - Swiss franc		1,732		1,168		371		1,383	Current amount
	1.07334	**1,719**	*1.89923*	**1,158**	*6.68807*	**375**	*1.74969*	**1,325**	**New amount**
USD - US dollar		2,094		1,383		451		1,696	Current amount
	0.85649	**2,154**	*1.51553*	**1,452**	*5.33688*	**470**	*1.39620*	**1,660**	**New amount**
EUR - Euro				1,271		395		1,472	Current amount
			1.76945	**1,243**	*6.23107*	**403**	*1.63013*	**1,422**	**New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar									Current amount
									New amount
CNY - Yuan renminbi									Current amount
									New amount
DKK - Danish krone									Current amount
									New amount
GBP - Pound sterling									Current amount
									New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint									Current amount
									New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona									Current amount
									New amount
JPY - Japanese yen									Current amount
									New amount
KRW - Korean won		2,929,000		2,000,000					Current amount
	0.00060	**3,075,000**	*0.00106*	**2,075,000**					**New amount**
NOK - Norwegian krone									Current amount
									New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar				2,431					Current amount
			0.88206	**2,494**					**New amount**
SEK - Swedish krona									Current amount
									New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar		2,639		1,852					Current amount
	0.66204	**2,787**	*1.17144*	**1,878**					**New amount**
TRY - Turkish Lira									Current amount
									New amount
ZAR - South African rand		39,010		26,000					Current amount
	0.04964	**37,170**	*0.08784*	**25,050**					**New amount**

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2026)

International Searching Authority	ISA/CL			ISA/CN		ISA/EA			ISA/EG		ISA/EP		
Reference currency & amount	USD	2,000	400 300	CNY	2,100	RUB	40,000	9,000	EGP	4,000	EUR	1,845	
Exchange rates applicable on October 6, 2025	*Exch. Rate*			*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*			*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		
CHF - Swiss franc		1,598	320 240		240		398	90		65		1,732	Current amount
	1.25318	**1,596**	**319 239**	*8.95496*	**235**	*104.16667*	**384**	**86**	*59.66587*	**67**	*1.07334*	**1,719**	**New amount**
USD - US dollar					297		504	113		83		2,094	Current amount
				7.14579	**294**	*83.12188*	**481**	**108**	*47.61158*	**84**	*0.85649*	**2,154**	**New amount**
EUR - Euro		1,714	343 257		250		412 [1]	93 [1]		69			Current amount
	1.16755	**1,713**	**343 257**	*8.34306*	**252**	*97.04896*	412	93	*55.58890*	**72**			**New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar													Current amount
													New amount
CNY - Yuan renminbi												15,490	Current amount
											0.11986	**15,390**	**New amount**
DKK - Danish krone												13,760	Current amount
											0.13392	**13,780**	**New amount**
GBP - Pound sterling												1,548	Current amount
											1.14976	**1,605**	**New amount**
HUF - Hungarian forint												744,000	Current amount
											0.00257	**717,900**	**New amount**
ISK - Icelandic krona												274,100	Current amount
											0.00705	**261,700**	**New amount**
JPY - Japanese yen												317,600	Current amount
											0.00570	**323,700**	**New amount**
KRW - Korean won													Current amount
													New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone												21,510	Current amount
											0.08599	**21,460**	**New amount**
NZD - New Zealand dollar												3,511	Current amount
											0.49849	**3,701**	**New amount**
SEK - Swedish krona												20,980	Current amount
											0.09102	**20,270**	**New amount**
SGD - Singapore dollar												2,639	Current amount
											0.66204	**2,787**	**New amount**
TRY - Turkish Lira													Current amount
													New amount
ZAR - South African rand												39,010	Current amount
											0.04964	**37,170**	**New amount**

1. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2025.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2026)

International Searching Authority	**ISA/ES**		**ISA/FI**		**ISA/IL**		**ISA/IN**			
Reference currency & amount	EUR	1,845	EUR	1,845	ILS	4,101	INR	10,000	2,500	
Exchange rates applicable on October 6, 2025	*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*			
CHF - Swiss franc		1,732		1,732		937		94	24	Current amount
	1.07334	**1,719**	*1.07334*	**1,719**	*4.10965*	**998**	*111.23471*	**90**	**22**	**New amount**
USD - US dollar		2,094		2,094		1,220		119	30	Current amount
	0.85649	**2,154**	*0.85649*	**2,154**	*3.27937*	**1,251**	*88.76196*	**113**	**28**	**New amount**
EUR - Euro						995		100	25	Current amount
					3.82883	**1,071**	*103.63404*	**96**	**24**	**New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar										Current amount
										New amount
CNY - Yuan renminbi										Current amount
										New amount
DKK - Danish krone										Current amount
										New amount
GBP - Pound sterling										Current amount
										New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint										Current amount
										New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona										Current amount
										New amount
JPY - Japanese yen								17,600	4,400	Current amount
							0.59066	**16,900**	**4,200**	**New amount**
KRW - Korean won										Current amount
										New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone										Current amount
										New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar										Current amount
										New amount
SEK - Swedish krona										Current amount
										New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar										Current amount
										New amount
TRY - Turkish Lira										Current amount
										New amount
ZAR - South African rand										Current amount
										New amount

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
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International Searching Authority	**ISA/JP**			**ISA/KR**			**ISA/PH**			**ISA/RU**			
Reference currency & amount	JPY	169,000	143,000	KRW	1,200,000	450,000	USD	600	200	RUB	45,000	9,000	
Exchange rates applicable on October 6, 2025	*Exch. Rate*			*Exch. Rate*			*Exch. Rate*			*Exch. Rate*			
CHF - Swiss franc		926	784		696	261		479	160		448	90	Current amount
	188.32392	**897**	**759**	*1,785.71429*	**672**	**252**	*1.25318*	479	160	*104.16667*	**432**	**86**	**New amount**
USD - US dollar		1,179	998		888	333					567	113	Current amount
	150.27684	**1,125**	**952**	*1,424.94643*	**842**	**316**				*83.12188*	**541**	**108**	**New amount**
EUR - Euro		982	831		755	283		514	171		464 [2]	93 [2]	Current amount
	175.45574	**963**	**815**	*1,663.69643*	**721**	**270**	*1.16755*	514	171	*97.04896*	464	93	**New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar					1,322	496							Current amount
				940.23214	**1,276**	**479**							**New amount**
CNY - Yuan renminbi													Current amount
													New amount
DKK - Danish krone													Current amount
													New amount
GBP - Pound sterling													Current amount
													New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint													Current amount
													New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona													Current amount
													New amount
JPY - Japanese yen													Current amount
													New amount
KRW - Korean won			1,393,000										Current amount
	0.10546		**1,356,000**										**New amount**
NOK - Norwegian krone													Current amount
													New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar					1,460	548							Current amount
				829.33929	**1,447**	**543**							**New amount**
SEK - Swedish krona													Current amount
													New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar		1,486			1,092	410							Current amount
	116.15819	**1,455**		*1,101.42857*	**1,089**	**409**							**New amount**
TRY - Turkish Lira													Current amount
													New amount
ZAR - South African rand													Current amount
													New amount

2. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2025.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2026)

International Searching Authority	**ISA/SA**		**ISA/SE**	**ISA/SG**		**ISA/TR**	**ISA/UA**			
Reference currency & amount	SAR	1,000	SEK eq. 1,845 eur	SGD	2,350	TRY eq. 1,845 eur	EUR	300	100	
Exchange rates applicable on October 6, 2025	*Exch. Rate*			*Exch. Rate*			*Exch. Rate*			
CHF - Swiss franc		220	1,732		1,458	1,732		282	94	Current amount
	4.69947	**213**	**1,719**	*1.62127*	**1,449**	**1,719**	*1.07334*	**280**	**93**	**New amount**
USD - US dollar		267	2,094		1,849	2,094		341	114	Current amount
	3.75004	267	**2,154**	*1.29373*	**1,816**	**2,154**	*0.85649*	**350**	**117**	**New amount**
EUR - Euro		229	1,845		1,565	1,845				Current amount
	4.37835	**228**	1,845	*1.51049*	**1,556**	1,845				**New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar										Current amount
										New amount
CNY - Yuan renminbi										Current amount
										New amount
DKK - Danish krone			13,760							Current amount
			13,780							**New amount**
GBP - Pound sterling										Current amount
										New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint										Current amount
										New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona			274,100							Current amount
			261,700							**New amount**
JPY - Japanese yen					264,000					Current amount
				0.00861	**272,900**					**New amount**
KRW - Korean won					2,527,000					Current amount
				0.00091	**2,582,000**					**New amount**
NOK - Norwegian krone			21,510							Current amount
			21,460							**New amount**
NZD - New Zealand dollar										Current amount
										New amount
SEK - Swedish krona			20,980							Current amount
			20,270							**New amount**
SGD - Singapore dollar										Current amount
										New amount
TRY - Turkish Lira						69,360				Current amount
						89,820				**New amount**
ZAR - South African rand										Current amount
										New amount

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2026)

International Searching Authority	**ISA/US**				**ISA/XN**		**ISA/XV**		
Reference currency & amount	USD	2,400	960	480	DKK	eq. 1,845 eur	EUR	1,845	
Exchange rates applicable on October 6, 2025	*Exch. Rate*						*Exch. Rate*		
CHF - Swiss franc		1,976	790	395		1,732		1,732	Current amount
	1.25318	**1,915**	**766**	**383**		**1,719**	*1.07334*	**1,719**	**New amount**
USD - US dollar						2,094		2,094	Current amount
						2,154	*0.85649*	**2,154**	**New amount**
EUR - Euro		2,114	846	423		1,845			Current amount
	1.16755	**2,056**	**822**	**411**		1,845			**New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar									Current amount
									New amount
CNY - Yuan renminbi									Current amount
									New amount
DKK - Danish krone						13,760			Current amount
						13,780			**New amount**
GBP - Pound sterling									Current amount
									New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint								744,000	Current amount
							0.00257	**717,900**	**New amount**
ISK - Icelandic krona						274,100			Current amount
						261,700			**New amount**
JPY - Japanese yen									Current amount
									New amount
KRW - Korean won									Current amount
									New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone						21,510			Current amount
						21,460			**New amount**
NZD - New Zealand dollar		4,104	1,642	821					Current amount
	0.58201	**4,124**	**1,649**	**825**					**New amount**
SEK - Swedish krona						20,980			Current amount
						20,270			**New amount**
SGD - Singapore dollar									Current amount
									New amount
TRY - Turkish Lira									Current amount
									New amount
ZAR - South African rand		43,370	17,350	8,670					Current amount
	0.05796	**41,410**	**16,560**	**8,280**					**New amount**

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2026)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	**ISA/AT**				**ISA/EP**		**ISA/FI**		**ISA/RU**		
Reference currency & Amount	EUR	850 [1]	1,190 [2]	1,700 [3]	EUR	1,845	EUR	1,845	RUB	12,000	19,000 [4]
Exchange rate applicable on October 6, 2025	*Exch. Rate*				*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		
CHF - Swiss franc	*1.07334*	**792**	**1,109**	**1,584**	*1.07334*	**1,719**	*1.07334*	**1,719**	*104.16667*	**115**	**182**

1. For a search of the German-language documentation.
2. For a search of the European or North American documentation.
3. For a search of only the PCT minimum documentation.
4. This fee 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).

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2026)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	**ISA/SE**	**ISA/SG**		**ISA/TR**		**ISA/UA**				
Reference currency & Amount	SEK eq. 1,845 eur	SGD 2,350		TRY 500 [5] eq. 1,845 eur		EUR	60 [6]	70 [7]	90 [8]	90 [9]
Exchange rate applicable on October 6, 2025		*Exch. Rate*				*Exch. Rate*				
CHF - Swiss franc	**1,719**	*1.62127*	**1,449**	**10**	**1,719**	*1.07334*	**56**	**65**	**84**	**84**

5. For a search of only the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority.
6. This fee 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).
7. For a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation.
8. For a search of only the European and North American documentation.
9. For a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2026)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	**ISA/XN**			**ISA/XV**		
Reference currency & Amount	DKK	4000 [10]	eq. 1,845 eur	EUR	550 [11]	1,775
Exchange rate applicable on October 6, 2025				*Exch. Rate*		
CHF - Swiss franc		**499**	**1,719**	*1.07334*	**512**	**1,654**

10. For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.
11. For a search of only the documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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CA Canada

Agreement between the Government of Canada and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[1] – Amendments to Annex D

The **Canadian Intellectual Property 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, which will take effect on 1 January 2026, consist of changes in the amounts of several fees payable to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

With effect from 1 January 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 (Canadian dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,380.26
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,380.26
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,190.13
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,190.13
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1*ter* and 94.2) in electronic form	
(a) for the first 7 megabytes, plus	[no change]
(b) for each additional 10 megabytes or part thereof exceeding the first 7 megabytes	[no change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1*ter* and 94.2), per page (paper)	[no change]

Part II. [No change]

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)** 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 since 12 January 2024, the Office discontinued the use of its facsimile services and no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2026, is CAD 446.03.

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

The Office also notified new amounts of fees, in Canadian dollars (CAD), payable to it in its capacity as International Searching Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 January 2026, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	CAD	2,380.26
Additional search fee[2] (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	CAD	2,380.26

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

[2] This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of fees, in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 January 2026, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	CAD	1,190.13
Additional preliminary examination fee[3] (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	CAD	1,190.13

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)** 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 – since 12 January 2024 one copy must be filed instead of three.

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes concerning the requirements for representation before the Office – since 1 January 2025, an agent is required in its capacity as receiving Office.

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

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has specified the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) – in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 23 April 2025 with the National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan), in its capacity as receiving Office, by nationals and residents of Kazakhstan.

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

[3] This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

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)

LS Lesotho

The **Registrar General's Office (Lesotho),** 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 5 January 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: (266) 6284 4699

– by e-mail at: registrar.general@gov.ls

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.

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(LS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LT Lithuania

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified a change to its notification last published in its entirety in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 11 November 2021 (pages 190 *et seq*.).

In particular, since 27 March 2024, the Office no longer accepts the filing of international applications and other documents and correspondence relating to international applications in electronic form using EPO Online Filing (eOLF). The Office accepts 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(LT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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BZ Belize

The **Belize Intellectual Property Office** notified the International Bureau of a change in its location, as follows:

Location:	6129 Brown Street P.O. Box 592 Belmopan Cayo District Belize

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

KG Kyrgyzstan

The **State Agency of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzpatent)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the name of the Office, its e-mail addresses, Internet address and facsimile number, applicable since 12 May 2025, as follows:

Name of Office:	Ministry of Science, Higher Education and Innovation of the Kyrgyz Republic
E-mail:	office@ilim.gov.kg inter@ilim.gov.kg
Internet:	https://ilim.gov.kg
Facsimile:	(996-312) 68 19 74

In addition, the Office has modified, since 12 May 2025, its requirements concerning the time when the name and address of the inventor must be provided if Kyrgyzstan is designated (or elected), as follows:

> Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration 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.

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

MC Monaco

The **Intellectual Property Division, Department of Economic Expansion (Monaco)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to the name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Name of Office:	Monaco Industrial Property Office (MCIPO)

In addition, the Office has notified the International Bureau of the deletion of its facsimile number from its contact means.

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

TT Trinidad and Tobago

The **Intellectual Property Office, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the Office, which is now the following:

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of Land and Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

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 **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2026, are CHF 1,360, EUR 1,460 and USD 1,705, respectively.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BZ Belize

The **Belize Intellectual Property Office** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Belize dollars**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 March 2022, as follows:

Patents:

Filing fee (including 1st annual fee): BZD 450

Utility models:

Filing fee/Grant fee: BZD 600

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

KG Kyrgyzstan

The **Ministry of Science, Higher Education and Innovation of the Kyrgyz Republic** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning its requirements as to whether a copy of the international application is required in particular circumstances, applicable since 12 May 2025 – a copy of the international application is required in particular circumstances.

In addition, the Office has notified changes to the name, and the amount, of one component of the national fee, in **Kyrgyz som (KGS)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable since 12 May 2025, as follows:

Filing fee:[1] KGS 4,000

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

[1] This fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). The requirement may still be complied with within two months from the expiration of that time limit, provided that a surcharge is paid.

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 2026, **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 2026,
3 and 6 April 2026,
14 May 2026,
25 May 2026,
31 July 2026, and
25 and 31 December 2026.

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

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PH Philippines – Corrigendum

The notification by the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** to the International Bureau under amended Rule 34.1(d) published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 23 October 2025 p. 201 *et seq*. contained errors in the column of the table titled: “Source of Documents”.

All publications are hosted by the ASEAN IP Register and therefore all entries in the column of the table titled: “Source of Documents”, should be: “online repository hosted by another Office”.

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AO Angola

The **Angolan Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau of its website address, as follows:

Website: https://iapi.gov.ao

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

TM Turkmenistan

The **State Service for Intellectual Property of the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its email address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: tmpatent@sanly.tm

[Updating of Annex B(TM) 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 its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office in its capacity as receiving Office — since 15 February 2025, any person; 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

SV El Salvador

The **National Center of Registries (CNR) (El Salvador)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the national filing fee, in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. The new amount, applicable since 15 February 2025, is USD 50.

In addition, the Office notified of a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office — since 15 February 2025, any person; 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*]

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: COMMON TIMETABLE FOR FEE LISTS AND FEE TRANSFERS

Since 1 July 2020, any PCT receiving Office ("RO"), International Searching Authority ("ISA"), Authority specified for supplementary international search ("SISA"), or International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") may participate, as a "participating Office", in the exchange of PCT fees from one Office (the "collecting Office") to another (the "beneficiary Office") via the International Bureau ("IB") for PCT purposes (the "WIPO Fee Transfer Service"), pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2 and in accordance with the provisions set out in Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

Common Timetable for Fee Lists and Fee Transfers

Following consultations with participating Offices, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.2, paragraph 8 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, a common timetable has been established for the year 2026, specifying the latest dates, each month, by which a participating Collecting Office shall establish and transmit fee transfer information to the International Bureau; and by which the lists of fees to be transferred, and the amounts of fees indicated in said lists, shall be established and transmitted to, and from, the International Bureau.

The common timetable established for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2026 is as follows:

Cycle	Calendar month (2026)	PCT Fee Transfer Service Month (Invoice Period)	Last date for documentation notification to IB[1]	Receiving Office payment cut-off value date[1]	PCT Fee Transfer Service (FTS) Preliminary Statement	PCT Fee Transfer Service Settlement Date (*upon confirmation of Final FTS Statement*)[2]
1	January	Dec. 2025	Thursday, 22-Jan-2026	Friday 23-Jan-2026	Monday 26-Jan-2026	Friday 30-Jan-2026
2	February	Jan. 2026	Thursday 19-Feb-2026	Friday 20-Feb-2026	Monday 23-Feb-2026	Friday 27-Feb-2026
3	March	Feb. 2026	Thursday 19-Mar-2026	Friday 20-Mar-2026	Monday 23-Mar-2026	Friday 27-Mar-2026
4	April	Mar. 2026	Wednesday 22-Apr-2026	Thursday 23-Apr-2026	Friday 24-Apr-2026	Tuesday 28-Apr-2026
5	May	Apr. 2026	Thursday 21-May-2026	Friday 22-May-2026	Monday 25-May-2026	Friday 29-May-2026

[1] The list of PCT Applications and breakdown of PCT fees sent to the WIPO must reconcile with your payment to the WIPO.

[2] Please approve the Preliminary Statement before the settlement date.

6	June	May 2026	Monday 22-Jun-2026	Tuesday 23-Jun-2026	Thursday 25-Jun-2026	Tuesday 30-Jun-2026
7	July	June 2026	Wednesday 22-Jul-2026	Thursday 23-Jul-2026	Friday 24-Jul-2026	Tuesday 28-Jul-2026
8	August	July 2026	Wednesday 19-Aug-2026	Thursday 20-Aug-2026	Monday 24-Aug-2026	Friday 28-Aug-2026
9	September	Aug. 2026	Tuesday 22-Sep-2026	Wednesday 23-Sep-2026	Thursday 24-Sep-2026	Tuesday 29-Sep-2026
10	October	Sept. 2026	Wednesday 21-Oct-2026	Thursday 22-Oct-2026	Friday 23-Oct-2026	Tuesday 27-Oct-2026
11	November	Oct. 2026	Thursday 19-Nov-2026	Friday 20-Nov-2026	Monday 23-Nov-2026	Friday 27-Nov-2026
12	December	Nov. 2026	Sunday 13-Dec-2026	Wednesday 16-Dec-2026	Thursday 17-Dec-2026	Tuesday 22-Dec-2026

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

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Austrian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified a change to its notification last published in its entirety in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 20 February 2014 (pages 26 *et seq*.).

In particular, since 14 November 2025, the Office accepts the filing of international applications in electronic form using APO's web-based Online Filing. Consequently, the Office accepts international applications in electronic form according to the following requirements:

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

– ePCT Filing
– APO's web-based Online Filing

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and in accordance with Sections 513(f), 610(e), and 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, 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 of an update to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 18 March 2021, pages 51 *et seq.* (as modified in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 3 June 2021, page 108, 30 June 2022, pages 165 *et seq.*, 18 August 2022, page 225, 19 May 2023, pages 117 *et seq.*, 5 December 2024, page 233 and 21 August 2025, page 133).

In particular, as to the means of transmittal of sequence listings, it will continue to accept sequence listings filed on physical media, in particular those exceeding the maximum upload size setting in the approved filing tools. With effect from 1 January 2026, the tools are: ePCT, Online Filing 2.0 and the EPO Contingency Upload Service.

The EPO accepts the following physical media: CD-R conforming to the ISO 9660 standard, DVD-R and DVD+R discs and USB flash drives.

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AL Albania

The **General Directorate of Industrial Property (GDIP) (Albania)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the relevant provisions of its national law concerning provisional protection after international publication as follows:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:

Any international application designating Albania which has been published under PCT Article 21 shall give rise to the same rights as those which the Albanian law provides for the compulsory national publication of unexamined national applications as such. Provisional protection shall be effective as from the date on which an Albanian translation of the claims of the international application is published by the Office (Article 145, Albanian Industrial Property Law "on patents, utility models and supplementary protection certificates").

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent:

(1) the international application is published in one of the EPO official languages: the applicant has the right to seek compensation reasonable in the circumstances for any infringement, on condition that any national requirements relating to the translation of the claims in the application have been met (refer to Articles 67 and 153(4) EPC[1]); or

(2) the international application is published in a language which is not an EPO official language: the protection referred to in (1) does not become effective until the EPO publishes the international application supplied to it in one of its official languages (refer to Article 153(4) EPC and Article 134(2), Albanian Industrial Property Law "on patents, utility models and supplementary protection certificates").

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

AZ Azerbaijan

The **Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means of communication (PCT Rule 92.4) – with effect since 1 January 2024, the Office no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means.

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

[1] For further details on the national law relating to the EPC refer to http://www.epo.org/patents/law/legal-texts/national-law-epc.html in particular, "Rights conferred by a European patent application after publication pursuant to Article 93 EPC (Article 67 EPC)" and "Translations for obtaining provisional protection".

DZ Algeria

The **Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau that its telephone numbers are as follows:

Telephone:	(213-44) 19 68 66 (213-44) 19 64 24

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. These new amounts, applicable from 1 January 2026, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	140
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	EUR	550

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

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DZ Algeria

The **Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau of changes to components of the national fee, in **Algerian dinars (DZD)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. The changes and amounts, applicable since 1 January 2025, are as follows:

I – Company

National fees (must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)):

Filing fee and maintenance fee for the 1st year	DZD 7,500 (+ 19% VAT)
Fee for priority claims	DZD 2,000 per priority (+ 19% VAT)
Publication fee	DZD 5,000 (+ 19% VAT)

—Surcharge for each set of 5 pages in excess of 10	DZD 1,200 (+ 19% VAT)
Maintenance fee: — from the 2nd to the 5th year	DZD 5,000 per year (+ 19% VAT)

II – University, Research Centers, Individuals

National fees (must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)):

Filing fee and maintenance fee for the 1st year	DZD 7,000 (+ 19% VAT)
Fee for priority claims	DZD 2,000 per priority (+ 19% VAT)
Publication fee	DZD 4,000 (+ 19% VAT)
—Surcharge for each set of 5 pages in excess of 10	DZD 1,200 (+ 19% VAT)
Maintenance fee: — from the 2nd to the 5th year	DZD 4,000 per year (+ 19% VAT)

III – Start-ups and Incubators (project phase)

These fees apply to start-ups and incubators benefiting from the “innovative project” label.

National fees (must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)):

Filing fee and maintenance fee for the 1st year	DZD 6,500 (+ 19% VAT)
Fee for priority claims	DZD 2,000 per priority (+ 19% VAT)
Publication fee	DZD 3,000 (+ 19% VAT)
—Surcharge for each set of 5 pages in excess of 10	DZD 1,200 (+ 19% VAT)
Maintenance fee: — from the 2nd to the 5th year	DZD 3,000 per year (+ 19% VAT)

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

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the amounts of certain components of the national fee, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable from 1 January 2026. The new amounts of the respective components of the national fee are as follows:

For a patent:

Basic fee:[2]	EUR	580
Basic fee for an electronically-filed application:[2]	EUR	450
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 15:[3]	EUR	60
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy:[4]	EUR	150
Annual fees for the first three years:[5]	EUR	220

For a utility model:

Registration fee[2]	EUR	310
for an application filed electronically:[2]	EUR	250
Additional fee for each claim in excess of 5:[3]	EUR	30
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy:[4]	EUR	130

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 **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 January 2026, is EUR 550.

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

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

3 If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

4 Where the basic fee has been paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the translation or copy may be filed within two months from the expiration of that time limit, provided that the additional fee for late furnishing of the translation or copy has been paid within the above-mentioned time limit.

5 The renewal fees for an international application in respect of fee years which have begun before the date on which the application was pursued under section 31 of the Patents Act or was taken up for processing under section 38 of the same Act, or which begin within two months of such date become in no event due until the last day of the month that falls two months after the date on which the application was pursued or otherwise prosecuted.

MX Mexico – Corrigendum

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau that the information published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 2 October 2025 (page 161) concerning requirements as to whether a copy of the international application is required upon entry into the national phase was erroneous.

A copy is required only if the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2).

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

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AZ Azerbaijan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified a change to its notification last published in its entirety in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 26 November 2015 (pages 188 *et seq*.).

In particular, since 1 January 2024, the Office accepts the filing of international applications in electronic form using the PANAH system. Consequently, the Office accepts international applications in electronic form according to the following requirements:

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

– ePCT Filing
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

UA Ukraine

Agreement between the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[1]

At its fifty-fifth (24th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 6 to 14 July 2023, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) approved amendments to the agreement concerning the functioning of the Ukrainian national Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 30 November 2023, pages 223 and 224).

In accordance with Article 11(1) of the aforementioned agreement, the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine and the International Bureau agreed that the amended agreement entered into force on 14 July 2023.

The amended agreement, namely the Agreement between the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization in relation to the functioning of the State Organization "Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations" as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (as in force since July 14, 2023) is set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: ic.contact-contact.ic@ised-isde.gc.ca

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

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

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)** has notified an additional type of protection available via the PCT – from 15 January 2024, it will be possible to validate European patents in Georgia for international applications filed on or after that date.[2]

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

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified the International Bureau that its national law now permits the applicant who files a national application with the Office to request an international-type search to be carried out on such application (PCT Article 15(5)). The relevant provision in the national law of Poland is Industrial Property Law, Article 47, paragraph 5.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2024, is EUR 500.

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

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee, in **new lei (RON)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2024, is RON 497.

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

[2] For further information, see: https://www.epo.org/en/legal/official-journal/2023/12/a105.html

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

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 since 1 January 2024, as follows:

Unitary procedural fee (for filing, search, publication and other processing)	RUB 50,000
Claim fee for each claim:	
– in excess of five:	RUB 5,500
– in excess of 20:	RUB 6,000
– in excess of 50:	RUB 7,000
Examination fee:	
– for one invention:	RUB 50,000
– for a group of inventions including one independent claim:	RUB 50,000
– additional fee for the second independent claim:	RUB 30,000
– additional fee for each independent claim in excess of two claims:	RUB 15,000

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

The unitary procedural fee is reduced by 40% where an international search report has been established by the EAPO; or by 25% where an international search report has been established by an Office acting as an International Searching Authority under the PCT.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the fee for validating in Georgia a European patent granted on the basis of an international application filed on or after 15 January 2024, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The amount of this fee, applicable from 15 January 2024, is EUR 200.[3]

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

[3] For further information, see: https://www.epo.org/en/legal/official-journal/2023/12/a105.html

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the amounts of certain components of the national fee, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2024. The new amounts of the respective components of the national fee are as follows:

For a patent:		
Basic fee:[4]	EUR	540
Basic fee for an electronically-filed application:[4]	EUR	430
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 15:[5]	[No change]	
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy:[6]	EUR	140
Annual fees for the first three years:[7]	EUR	135
For a utility model:		
Registration fee[4]	EUR	280
for an application filed electronically:[4]	EUR	230
Additional fee for each claim in excess of 5:[5]	EUR	25
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy:[6]	EUR	120

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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 **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable since 1 January 2024, is EUR 500.

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

5 If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

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

7 The renewal fees for an international application in respect of fee years which have begun before the date on which the application was pursued under section 31 of the Patents Act or was taken up for processing under section 38 of the same Act, or which begin within two months of such date become in no event due until the last day of the month that falls two months after the date on which the application was pursued or otherwise prosecuted.

AGREEMENT

between the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the State Organization "Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations"
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

(as in force from July 14, 2023)

Preamble

The Ministry of Economy of Ukraine and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the State Enterprise "Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute" as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Considering that the State Organization "Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations" has taken on the patent processing responsibilities performed by the State Enterprise "Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute",

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1
Terms and Expressions

(1) For the purposes of this Agreement:

(a) "Treaty" means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;

(b) "Regulations" means the Regulations under the Treaty;

(c) "Administrative Instructions" means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;

(d) "Article" (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;

(e) "Rule" means a Rule of the Regulations;

(f) "Contracting State" means a State party to the Treaty;

(g) "the Authority" means the State Organization "Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations";

(h) "the International Bureau" means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2
Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3
Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5
Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

(i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);

(ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6
Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Ministry of Economy of Ukraine may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

(i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;

(ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;

(iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;

(iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;

(v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;

(vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

(i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

(ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12
Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:

(i) if the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or

(ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

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:

any Contracting State;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

any Contracting State.

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) the following languages which it will accept:

English, French, German, Russian, Ukrainian.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search: Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority conducts supplementary international searches as follows:

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in, or translations furnished into, English, French, German, Russian or Ukrainian.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover at least one of the following levels of search:

(i) the documents held in the search collection of the Authority including, but not limited to, the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34;

(ii) European and North American documentation;

(iii) Russian language documentation of the former USSR and Ukrainian language documentation.

(3) If the International Searching Authority competent for the main international search has issued a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv), and the appropriate fee referred to in Annex D is paid, the supplementary international search shall cover at least the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34 in addition to the documentation referred to in paragraph (2) of this Annex.

(4) The Ministry of Economy of Ukraine shall notify the International Bureau if a demand for supplementary international search exceeds resources available to the Authority and also when normal conditions have been reestablished.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Law of Ukraine on the Protection of Rights to Inventions and Utility Models.

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)) (for an application in English, German, French)	300
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	100

Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in English, German, French)	300
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	100
Supplementary search fee(s) (Rule 45*bis*.3(a))	
– of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34	90
– of only European and North American documentation	90
– of only Russian language documentation of the former USSR and Ukrainian language documentation	70
Supplementary search fee for a search in accordance with paragraph (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)	60
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in English, German, French)	160
– the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	50
– the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in English, German, French)	180
– the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	70
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in English, German, French)	180
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	60
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	20
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per page	0.40
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1*ter* and Rule 94.2), per page	0.90

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search carried out in respect of an earlier application by the Authority itself or by another International Authority 25 – 75% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, 75% of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be refunded.

(6) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under Rule 45*bis*.5(g).

(7) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, after receipt of the documents specified in Rule 45*bis*.4(e)(i) to (iv), but before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), it is notified of the withdrawal of the international application or the supplementary search request.

Annex E
Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

English or Russian, for applications filed in Ukrainian;

Russian, for applications filed in, or translated into, Russian;

English, for applications filed in, or translated into English, French or German.

Annex G
International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

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CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2024, is CAD 416.

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

EG Egypt

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 **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2024, is CHF 110.

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

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2024, are CHF 907 and EUR 974, respectively.

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

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 March 2024, are CHF 102, or CHF 26 in the case of filing by an individual.

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

US United States of America

In accordance with Section 710(a)(iv) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the Office does not accept the filing of documents in pre-conversion format.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF ELEMENTS OR PARTS: NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF COMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS

CN China

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(b) (see PCT Gazette No. 18/2006 of 4 May 2006, page 12956), the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau that, from 20 January 2024, the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as designated Office under the PCT will no longer be incompatible with PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d) and 20.6.

In addition, further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(b-*bis*) (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 9 April 2020, page 66), the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau that, from 20 January 2024, the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as designated Office under the PCT will no longer be incompatible with PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and 20.5*bis*(d).

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

CN China

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49*ter*.1(g) (see PCT Gazette No. 18/2006 of 4 May 2006, page 12958), the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau that, from 20 January 2024, the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as designated Office under the PCT will no longer be incompatible with PCT Rule 49*ter.*1(a) to (d).

Rule 49*ter*.1(a) to (d) will apply to international applications if the two-month period from the date of entry into the Chinese national phase expires on or after 20 January 2024.

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

CN China

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(h) (see PCT Gazette No. 18/2006 of 4 May 2006, page 12960), the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau that, from 20 January 2024, the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as designated Office under the PCT will no longer be incompatible with PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(a) to (g).

Rule 49*ter*.2(a) to (g) will apply to international applications if the two-month period from the date of entry into the Chinese national phase expires on or after 20 January 2024.

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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 March 2024, is USD 1,066.

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

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 March 2024, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK	213,100
Fee per sheet in excess of 30 sheets:	ISK	2,400
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ISK	32,100
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ISK	48,100

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2024, are as follows:

International filing fee:	USD	1,562
Fee per sheet in excess of 30 sheets:	USD	18
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request not being in character coded format):	USD	117
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	USD	235
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	USD	352

[Updating of Annexes C(AM), C(AP), C(AZ), C(BH), C(BW), C(BY), C(BZ), C(CL), C(CR), C(DJ), C(DO), C(EA), C(EC), C(EG), C(GE), C(GH), C(HN), C(IB), C(IL), C(IN), C(IQ), C(JM), C(JO), C(KE), C(KG), C(KH), C(KZ), C(LR), C(MD), C(MW), C(MX), C(NI), C(OM), C(PA), C(PE), C(PG), C(PH), C(QA), C(RU), C(SA), C(SC), C(SV), C(SY), C(TJ), C(TM), C(TT), C(UA), C(UG), C(US), C(UZ), C(WS), C(ZM) and C(ZW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 March 2024, is USD 235.

[Updating of Annexes E(CL), E(EA), E(EG), E(IN), E(PH), E(RU) and E(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: FEE TRANSFERS THAT WERE PART OF THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES, AND COMMON TIMETABLE FOR FEE LISTS AND FEE TRANSFERS

Pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2, an Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service (a "participating Office")[1] as a "collecting Office" may transfer the following fees and related differences to another Office (the "beneficiary Office") via the International Bureau, for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT:

- **international filing fee** (Rule 15.2(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office ("RO") for the benefit of the International Bureau ("IB");
- **search fee** (Rule 16.1(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority ("ISA");
- **supplementary search fee** (Rule 45*bis*.3(b)) collected by the International Bureau for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an Authority specified for supplementary search ("SISA");
- **handling fee** (Rule 57.2(c) or (d)) collected by an International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") for the benefit of the International Bureau; and
- **differences relating to the search fee** (Rule 16.1(e)) received by an Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority in a currency other than its fixed currency.[2]

Furthermore, pursuant to Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 3, the transfer of the above fees and differences, from the collecting Office to the International Bureau for the further transfer to the beneficiary Office, is considered to be the transfer of said fees in accordance with the applicable Rule, and is not considered to be a payment by the collecting Office to a third party.

[1] A participating Office may refer to any PCT receiving Office ("RO"), International Searching Authority ("ISA"), Authority specified for supplementary international search ("SISA"), or International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA").

[2] Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

List of PCT Fee Transfers that are Part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service

In accordance with Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 7 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the list of the PCT fee transfers that were part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for each participating Office[3] as of **31 December 2023** (inclusive), is as follows:

	PCT Fee Transfers				
	International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, SE	n/a	n/a	n/a
AT Austrian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/AP, BR, CO, CU, CV, DZ, EG, GE, IB, IN, JO, KE, KR, MA, MX, OA, OM, PE, SG, SY, TT, UG, VN, ZA	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in EUR, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/AT* (BH, DJ, GH, KP, LR, LS, LY, NG, ZM, ZW)

[3] Rows relating to participating Offices having an agreement with the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the *Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)* are identified by light grey shading.

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
AU Australian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/KR as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB, ID, IN, JO, KE, KR, MU, MY, NZ, OM, SG, US, VN, ZA	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in AUD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/AU* (BN, GH, IQ, LR, PG, TH, ZW)
AZ Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EA, EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
BG Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
BR National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, CL, EP, SE, US as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/CL, CO, CU, IB, PA, PE	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in CHF, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/BR* (CV)

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
BY National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EA, EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
CA Canadian Intellectual Property Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: (n/a) as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB, SA	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in CAD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/CA* (BZ, IQ)
CH Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
CL National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/BR, EP, ES, KR, US as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/BR, CO, CR, CU, DO, EC, IB, MX. PA, PE, TT	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in USD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/CL* (SV)

PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	**International Filing Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
CN China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)	Collecting RO	as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB, IN, IR, KE, SA	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in CNY, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/CN* (GH, KH, KP, LR, TH, ZW)
CO Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, BR, CL, EP, ES, KR, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
CR Registry of Intellectual Property (Costa Rica)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/CL, EP, ES	n/a	n/a	n/a
CU Cuban Industrial Property Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, BR, CL EP, ES, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
CV Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI) (Cabo Verde)	*(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for:* ISA/ AT, EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
CZ Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
DE German Patent and Trade Mark Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
DK Danish Patent and Trademark Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, SE, XN	n/a	n/a	n/a
DO National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/CL, EP, ES, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
DZ Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
EA Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, RU as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/AZ, BY, IB, RU	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in RUB, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/EA* (AM, KG, TJ)
EC National Service of Intellectual Rights (SENADI) (Ecuador)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/CL, EP, ES	n/a	n/a	n/a
EE Estonian Patent Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
EG Egyptian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, US as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB, OM, QA, SA, SD, SY	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in EGP, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/EG* (DJ, IQ)

PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	**International Filing Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
EP European Patent Office (EPO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: n/a as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/AP, AT, AZ, BG, BR, BY, CH, CL, CN, CO, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DO, DZ, EA, EC, EE, EG, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, GR, HR, HU, IB, ID, IE, IL, IN, IR, IS, IT, JO, JP, KE, KZ, LV, MA, MD, MU, MX, MY, NI, NL, NO, NZ, OA, OM, PA, PE, PH, PL, PT, QA, RO, RS, RU, SA, SD, SE, SG, SI, SK, SY, TN, TR, TT, UG, US, VN, ZA	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in EUR, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/EP* (AL, AM, BA. BH, BN, BW, BZ, CV, CY, DJ, GH, HN, IQ, KG, KH, KN, LR, LS, LT, LU, LY, MK, MN, MT, MW, RW, SC, SV, TH, TJ, TM, UA, UZ, WS, ZW)
ES Spanish Patent and Trademark Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/CL, CO, CR, CU, DO, EC, IB, MX, NI, PA, PE	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in EGP, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/ES* (HN, SV)

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
FI Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, SE as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: n/a *(specified only by participant RO/FI)*
FR National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
GB Intellectual Property Office[4] (United Kingdom)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
GE National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)	*(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, IL, RU, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
GR Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
HR State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

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

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
HU Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
IB International Bureau of WIPO (as Receiving Office)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for all participating ISAs, from applicants filing through* RO/IB	n/a	n/a	n/a
ID Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AU, EP, JP, KR, RU, SG	n/a	n/a	n/a
IE Intellectual Property Office of Ireland	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
IL Israel Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, US as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/GE, IB, US	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in USD*

PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	**International Filing Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
IN Indian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, CN, EP, JP, SE, US as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB, IR, JP	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in INR*
IR Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran**)**	Collecting RO	Collecting RO *collecting search fees for* ISA/CN, EP, IN, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
IS Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, SE, XN	n/a	n/a	n/a
IT Italian Patent and Trademark Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	**International Filing Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
JO Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)	*(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, EP, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
JP Japan Patent Office (JPO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, IN, SG as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB, ID, IN, KR, MY, PH, SA, SG, US, VN	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in JPY, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/JP* (BN, KH, TH)
KE Kenya Industrial Property Institute	*(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, CN, EP, SE	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
KR Korean Intellectual Property Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collects search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, JP, SG as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/AU, CL, CO, IB, ID, MX, MY, NZ, PE, PH, SA, SG, US, VN	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in KRW, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/KR* (BN, CV, KH, MN, TH)
KZ National Institute Of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
LV Latvian Patent Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: collects search fees for ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
MA Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, RU, SE	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
MD State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
MK State Office of Industrial Property (North Macedonia)	*(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
MU Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM)	*(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for:* ISA/AU, EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
MX Mexican Institute of Industrial Property	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, CL, EP, ES, KR, SE, SG, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
MY Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AU, EP, JP, KR	n/a	n/a	n/a
NI Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, ES	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
NL Netherlands Patent Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
NO Norwegian Industrial Property Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, SE, XN	n/a	n/a	n/a
NZ Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AU, EP, KR, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
OA African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, RU, SE	n/a	n/a	n/a
OM Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, EG, EP, US	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
PA Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/BR, CL, EP, ES, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
PE National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, BR, CL, EP, ES, KR, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
PH Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AU, EP, JP, KR, US as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: n/a *(specified only by participant RO/PH)*
PL Patent Office of the Republic of Poland	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
PT National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
QA Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EG, EP, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
RO State Office For Inventions And Trademarks (Romania)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
RS Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
RU Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EA, EP as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/AZ, BG, BY, CO, CU, EA, GE, IB, ID, IR, KZ, MA, MD, OA, RO, SA, SY, VN	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in RUB, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/RU* (AM, KG, KP, MN, TJ, TM, UZ, ZW)

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
SA Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/CA, CN, EG. EP, JP, KR, RU, SG, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
SD Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department (Sudan)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EG, EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
SE Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, XN as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/AP, BR, DK, FI, IB, IN, IS, KE, MA, MX, NO, OA, TT, VN	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in SEK, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/SE* (GH, LR, ZM)

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
SG Intellectual Property Office of Singapore	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, EP, JP, KR as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB, ID, JP, KR, MX, SA, TT, UG, US, VN	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in SGD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/SG* (BN, KH, TH)
SI Slovenian Intellectual Property Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
SK Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
SY Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection, Directorate of Industrial and Commercial Property Protection (Syrian Arab Republic)	*(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)*	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EG, EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
TN National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
TR Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in TRY, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/TR* (IQ)
TT Intellectual Property Office, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, CL, EP, SE, SG, US	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
UA National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise "Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)"	*(not yet participating as RO)*	as Collecting RO: *(not yet participating as RO)* Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in USD (specified only by non-participating RO/UA)*
UG Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, SG	n/a	n/a	n/a
US United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AU, EP, IL, JP, KR, SG as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/BR, CL, DO, EG, GE, IB, IL, IN, JO, MX, NZ, OM, PA, PE, PH, QA, SA, TT, ZA	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in USD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/US* (BH, KN, TH)
VN Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam)	*(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, EP, JP, KR, SG, SE, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
XN Nordic Patent Institute	n/a	as Collecting RO: (n/a) as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/DK, IB, IS, NO, SE	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in DKK*
ZA Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, EP, US	n/a	n/a	n/a

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CL Chile

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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2024, are as follows:

Search fee:	CHF 1,703
Reduced search fee for natural persons and legal entities:	CHF 341 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States that benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion.)
Reduced search fee for universities:	CHF 255 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee.)

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

IB International Bureau of WIPO

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)** have been established, with effect from 1 March 2024, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD 117
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD 59 Supplement for airmail: USD 12

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PH Philippines

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 **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2024, are CHF 511, or CHF 170 where the applicant is a small entity.[1]

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

US United States of America

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 **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2024, are CHF 1,856 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, CHF 742 for a small entity, and CHF 371 for a micro entity.

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

[1] A small entity refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

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PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau that it is not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Friday, 9 February 2024.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application is required to reach the Office falls on the aforementioned day, that period expires on the next subsequent day on which the Office reopens to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

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https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/ClosedDates.xhtml

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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 2024, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	BYN	98
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	BYN	200

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

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BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the components of the national fee,[1, 2] in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2024, as follows:

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

[2] 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.

For patent:

Filing fee:	BYN	98
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Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	280
Annual fee for the third year:	BYN	98

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Filing fee:	BYN	196
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	98

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EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Agreement between the European Patent Office (EPO) and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[1] – Amendment 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 enter into force on 1 April 2024, 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.

Furthermore, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, the EPO also notified an amendment to Part II of Annex D thereof. This amendment, which will also enter into force on 1 April 2024, consists of a change in the reference contained in the footnote to paragraph 3: the reference "OJ EPO 2019, A5" will be replaced by the reference "OJ EPO 2024, A7". The effect of this amendment is to change the conditions relating to the refund of the search fee, where the EPO (acting as International Searching Authority) benefits from the results of an earlier search prepared by it on an application the priority of which is claimed in an international application. In particular, a full or partial refund of the international search fee paid for a pending international application is now also applicable where the international search report is based on an earlier search made on behalf of Slovenia on a national application filed as of 1 January 2024.

Consequently, as from 1 April 2024, 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))	1,845[2]
Additional fee (Rules 40.2(a) and 40*bis*[3])	1,845[2]

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/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)).

Supplementary search fee (Rule 45*bis*.3(a))	1,845[2]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,915[2]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,915[2]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	1,020
Review fee (Rule 45*bis*.6(c))	1,020
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13*ter*.1(c) and 13*ter*.2)	265

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) and (2) [No change]

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application and depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search, the search fee paid shall be refunded to the extent provided for in a communication from the Authority to the International Bureau and published in the Gazette.[4]

(4) to (8) [No change]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau that, due to inclement weather conditions, it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Tuesday, 16 January 2024.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on Wednesday, 17 January 2024.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/ClosedDates.xhtml

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EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

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 2024, is EUR 150.

[4] See OJ EPO 2024, A7 and *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 15 February 2024, page 53.

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 2024, are as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	120	(EUR 0[5])
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d):	EUR	750	

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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 2024, as follows:

Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)):	EUR	1,845[6]
Additional fee (PCT Rules 40.2(a) and 40*bis*[7]):	EUR	1,845[6]
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45*bis*.3(a)):	EUR	1,845[6]
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	EUR	1,020
Review fee (PCT Rule 45*bis*.6(c)):	EUR	1,020
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1(c)):	EUR	265

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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 2024, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	EUR	1,915[6]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	EUR	1,915[6]
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	EUR	1,020
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.2):	EUR	265

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[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 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).

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EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

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 2024, are as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee:[8, 9]		
– for online filings	EUR	135
– for non-online filings	EUR	285
Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated:[10]	EUR	685
Claims fee:[11]		
– for the 16th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50	EUR	275
– for the 51st and each subsequent claim	EUR	685
Search fee:[11]		
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005	EUR	1,040
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005	EUR	1,520
Fee for further processing:		
– in the event of late payment of a fee	[No change]	
– other cases	EUR	300
Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing	EUR	265
Examination fee:[12]		
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005	EUR	2,135

[8] Must be paid within 31 months from the priority date.

[9] Refer to the Decision of the EPO Administrative Council dated 14 December 2023 (CA/D 16/23), OJ EPO 2024, A3.

[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.

– for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up	EUR	2,135
– for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005	EUR	1,915
Renewal fee for the third year[13]	EUR	690

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 2024, is EUR 1,300.[14]

In addition, the Office notified new conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of fees, with effect from 1 April 2024, as follows:

(i) Where microenterprises, small and medium-sized enterprises, natural persons, non-profit organisations, universities or public research organisations having their residence or principal place of business within a Contracting State [of the EPC] having a language other than English, French or German as an official language, and nationals of that State who are resident abroad, file a European patent application or a request for examination in a language admitted in Article 14, paragraph 4 of the EPC, the filing fee or examination fee shall be reduced by 30%.

(ii) Where a microenterprise, natural person, non-profit organisation, university or public research organisation files a European patent application or, in respect of an international application, performs the acts referred to in Rule 159, the following fees shall be reduced by 30%: (a) filing fee; (b) fee for a European or supplementary European search; (c) examination fee, and in addition the previously paid international search fee where the European Patent Office acted as International Searching Authority; (d) designation fee; (e) fee for grant; (f) renewal fees for the European patent application.

[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.

[14] Refer to footnote 9.

The reduction of fees shall not be available where the same person has filed five or more European patent applications or Euro-PCT applications within a period of five years preceding (i) the date of filing of the European patent application concerned or (ii) the date of entry into the European phase of the Euro-PCT application concerned.

The relevant date for previous applications shall be the date of filing in the case of a European patent application or the date of entry into the European phase in the case of a Euro-PCT application. In the case of multiple persons filing a European patent application or a Euro-PCT application, the reduction shall be available only if each applicant fulfils the applicable eligibility criteria on the date of the payment of the fee concerned.

For additional details, refer to Rule 7 of the Implementing Regulations to the *European Patent Convention (EPC)* and the Rules relating to Fees.

[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)), payable to the EPO in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 April 2024, is EUR 750.

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OM Oman

The **National Intellectual Property Office (Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion) (Oman)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: paof@tejarah.gov.om

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

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau that its national law permits an applicant who files a national application with the Office to request an international-type search to be carried out on such application (PCT Article 15(5)).

The relevant provision in the national law of the Russian Federation is contained in Appendix 1 of the *Regulation on Patent and other fees for committing legally significant actions related to a patent for an invention, utility model, industrial design, state registration of a trademark and service mark, state registration and grant of the exclusive right to appellation of origin, as well as state registration of alienation of the exclusive right to a result of intellectual activity or means of individualization, pledge of the exclusive right, granting the right to use such result or such means under a contract, non-contracted transfer of the exclusive right to such result or such means,* under paragraph 14.13 of the List of legally significant actions related to a patent for invention, utility model, industrial design, state registration of a trademark and a service mark, state registration and grant of the exclusive right to an appellation of origin, state registration of alienation of the exclusive right to a result of intellectual activity or means of individualization, pledge of the exclusive right, grant of a right of use of such result or such means under a contract, transfer of the exclusive right to such result or such means without concluding a contract, subject to patent or other fees.

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LV Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a clarification of its official name, as well as of a change in its location and mailing address, as follows:

Name of Office:	Patent Office of the Republic of Latvia
Location and mailing address:	Raiņa bulvāris 15 Riga LV-1050 Latvia

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

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NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of national fees in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2024, are as follows:

Application fee:[1]	NOK	6,050	(NOK 1,100)[2]
Fee for each claim in excess of 10:[1]	NOK	330	
Annual fees for the first three years:[3]	NOK	910	per year

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[1] Must be paid within 30 days from the date of the invitation to pay the fee.

[2] The amount in parentheses is applicable where the applicant is a natural person or a legal entity with 20 permanent employees or less.

[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.

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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(2) 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 2024.

With effect from 1 April 2024, 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))	1,845[2]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,845[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/pct/en/docs/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”.

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

Agreement between the Visegrad Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[3] - Amendment to Annex D

The **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) 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 2024.

With effect from 1 April 2024, 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))	1,845
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,845
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	[No change]
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]

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

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)**[4]**.** These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2024, are as follows:

Danish kroner (DKK)	13,750
Hungarian forints (HUF)	715,100
Icelandic kronur (ISK)	274,600
Japanese yen (JPY)	297,100
New Zealand dollars (NZD)	3,253
Norwegian kroner (NOK)	20,880
Pounds sterling (GBP)	1,570
Singapore dollars (SGD)	2,675
South African rand (ZAR)	37,470
Swedish kronor (SEK)	20,750
Swiss francs (CHF)	1,751
US dollars (USD)	1,989

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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 2024, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	EUR	1,845[5]
Additional fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	EUR	1,845[5]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee, in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2024, are CHF 1,751 and USD 1,989, respectively.

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

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[4] A new amount of this fee (EUR 1,845) has been established by the EPO, with effect from 1 April 2024. Refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 15 February 2024, pages 53-54.

[5] 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".

SE Sweden

New amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) in **Swedish krona (SEK)**, and new equivalent amounts of the search fee in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **Danish kroner (DKK)**, **euros (EUR)**, **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for an international search carried out by the **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2024, are as follows:

Search fee:	SEK	20,750
	CHF	1,751
	DKK	13,750
	EUR	1,845
	ISK	274,600
	NOK	20,880
	USD	1,989
Additional search fee:	SEK	20,750

[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 the by Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2024, is CHF 1,751.

[Updating of Annex SISA(SE) 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 2024, are TRY 61,090 each.

In addition, new equivalent amounts of the search fee, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for an international search carried out by the Office, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d). These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2024, are CHF 1,751, EUR 1,845 and USD 1,989, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(TR) 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 2024, is CHF 1,751.

[Updating of Annex SISA(TR) 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 2014, are DKK 13,750 each.

In addition, new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)**, **Danish kroner (DKK)**, **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 2024, are as follows:

CHF	1,751
EUR	1,845
DKK	13,750
ISK	274,600
NOK	20,880
SEK	20,750
USD	1,989

[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 2024, is CHF 1,751.

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

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 for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2024, are EUR 1,845 each.

In addition, 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 Office, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d). These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2024, are CHF 1,751 and USD 1,989, respectively.

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

RESTORATION OF THE RIGHT OF PRIORITY: NOTIFICATIONS UNDER PCT RULE 49*ter*.2(g)

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(g), the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that, applicable from 20 January 2024, it applies the "unintentional" criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority filed with it as a designated Office, and the time limit for filing such a request is two months from the date of entry into the national phase before that Office.

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

In addition, CNIPA notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(d)) in **Chinese Yuan Renminbi (CNY)** and payable to it in its capacity as designated Office. This amount, also applicable since 20 January 2024, is CNY 1,000.

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FI Finland

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

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2024.

Consequently, as from 1 April 2024, 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 (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,845
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,845
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45*bis*.3(a))	1,845
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/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-fi.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 2024, are EUR 1,845 each.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **US dollars (USD)**. These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2024, are CHF 1,751 and USD 1,989, respectively.

[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 2024, is EUR 1,845.

Consequently, a new amount of this fee has been established in **Swiss francs (CHF)**. This amount, also applicable from 1 April 2024, is CHF 1,751.

[Updating of Annex SISA(FI) 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 May 2024, is CHF 964.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) 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 April 2024, is HUF 715,100.

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

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 1.7 of WIPO Standard ST.26 by the eleventh session of the Committee on WIPO Standards (refer to document CWS/11/3 and paragraphs 49 and 50 of document CWS/11/27), the Director General has decided that the new version of the Standard shall come into force for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2024. Sequence listings submitted after filing concerning applications filed prior to 1 July 2024 may use either version 1.6 or 1.7 of the Standard.

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IN India

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

In accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, the **Indian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of an amendment to the footnote in Part I of Annex D thereof.

Consequently, with effect since 15 March 2024, the amended Annex D reads as follows:

Annex D
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Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Indian rupees)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[no change][2]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[no change]2
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	
– where the international search report was issued by the Authority	[no change]2
– in other cases	[no change]2
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[no change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)):	
– where the international search report was issued by the Authority	[no change]2
– in other cases	[no change]2
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[no change]2
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13*ter*.1(c) and 13*ter*.2)	[no change]2
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 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/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-in.pdf

[2] The amounts in parentheses are applicable in the case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity, or an educational institution.

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IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the conditions for reduction of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)), additional fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)), and late furnishing fee for sequence listings (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1(c)) payable to it as International Searching Authority, as well as in the conditions for reduction of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)), additional fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)), protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)), and late furnishing fee for sequence listings (PCT Rule 13*ter*.2) payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority.

With effect since 15 March 2024, these fees are reduced by 75% where the applicant is a natural person, startup, small entity, or an educational institution.

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the filing of international applications in electronic form.

With effect since 16 November 2023, the Office no longer accepts the filing of international applications in electronic form using EFS-Web. Applicants may continue to use Patent Center to file international applications in electronic form in accordance with the USPTO's national law and technical systems.

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

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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:

– ePCT system: 28 March 2024, from 2:50 p.m. to 4:40 p.m. CET (Central European Time)

Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to the unavailability of the abovementioned service during the indicated period may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82*quater*.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 16 November 2023, pages 217 *et seq*.

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

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES

Pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2, and in accordance with Annex G of the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT*, an Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service (a "participating Office")[3] as a "collecting Office" may, via the International Bureau, transfer the following fees and differences to another Office (the "beneficiary Office"), for PCT purposes:

– **international filing fee** (PCT Rule 15.2(c) or (d));
– **search fee** (PCT Rule 16.1(c) or (d));
– **supplementary search fee** (PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b));
– **handling fee** (PCT Rule 57.2(c) or (d)); and
– **differences relating to the search fee**[4] (PCT Rule 16.1(e)).

Between 1 January and 31 March 2024 (inclusive),[5] the following Office notified the International Bureau of its participation in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.1 of the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT*, as follows:

[3] The term "participating Office" may refer to any PCT receiving Office ("RO"), International Searching Authority ("ISA"), Authority specified for supplementary international search ("SISA"), or International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA").

[4] Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

[5] The complete list of Offices participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, as of 31 December 2023, is available in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 25 January 2024 (page 24 *et seq*.).

	PCT Fee Transfers				
	International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
AL General Directorate of Industrial Property (GDIP) (Albania)	*(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

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SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau that, due to technical upgrades in the Office's electronic filing systems, it will not be open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on the following days:

Thursday 2 May and Friday 3 May 2024,
Monday 6 May to Friday 10 May 2024 (inclusive), and
Monday 13 May 2024.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application is required to reach the Office falls on one of the aforementioned days, that period shall expire on the next subsequent day on which the Office reopens to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/ClosedDates.xhtml

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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 Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2024, are CHF 76, EUR 78 and USD 84, respectively.

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

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

FI Finland

The **Government of the Republic of Finland** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the address of the VTT Culture Collection (VTTCC), an international depositary authority 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 address of the authority is now as follows:

VTT Culture Collection (VTTCC)
VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland
Tekniikantie 21
Espoo
Finland

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ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the postal code of its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

Location and mailing address: Paseo de la Castellana 75
28046 Madrid
Spain

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has specified the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**—in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Israel Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the USPTO—as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the USPTO or the receiving Office of International Bureau of WIPO, in English, by nationals or residents of the United States of America, with effect since 6 March 2024.

This specification shall apply for a period of eight years, until 5 March 2032.

During this eight-year period, the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines will act as International Searching Authority provided that it has not received more than 75 international applications from the USPTO during any fiscal quarter, and as International Preliminary Examining Authority provided that the above conditions have been met and it has carried out the international search.

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

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IN India

The **Indian Patent Office (Chennai)** has notified the International Bureau that, due to inclement weather conditions, it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Monday, 4 December 2023 and Tuesday, 5 December 2023.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on Wednesday, 6 December 2023.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/ClosedDates.xhtml

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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 2024, are CHF 83 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 391 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 2024, are CHF 115 and CHF 184 (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*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2024, are as follows:

International filing fee:	USD	1,457
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD	16
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request not being in character coded format):	USD	110
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	USD	219
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	USD	329

[Updating of Annexes C(AM), C(AP), C(AZ), C(BH), C(BW), C(BY), C(BZ), C(CL), C(CR), C(DJ), C(DO), C(EA), C(EC), C(EG), C(GE), C(GH), C(HN), C(IB), C(IL), C(IN), C(IQ), C(JM), C(JO), C(KE), C(KG), C(KH), C(KZ), C(LR), C(MD), C(MW), C(MX), C(NI), C(OM), C(PA), C(PE), C(PG), C(PH), C(QA), C(RU), C(SA), C(SC), C(SV), C(SY), C(TJ), C(TM), C(TT), C(UA), C(UG), C(US), C(UZ), C(WS), C(ZM) and C(ZW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 July 2024, is USD 219.

[Updating of Annexes E(CL), E(EA), E(EG), E(IN), E(PH), E(RU) and E(US) 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)

EP European Patent Organisation

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 **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of the following period of unavailability of one of its permitted electronic means of communication:

– Online Filing (version 5.15): unavailable from 27 March 2024, 19:20 CET (Central European Time) until 28 March 2024, 10:04 CET.

Applicants who did not meet a time limit fixed in the Regulations under the PCT due to the unavailability of the above-mentioned service during the indicated period may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82*quater*.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions, published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 November 2020, pages 253 *et seq*.

Information concerning this unavailability has been published on the EPO website at:

https://www.epo.org/service-support/availability-of-online-services/.html

and on the WIPO website at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/unavailability.html

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EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning 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 July 2024, the Office will discontinue the use of its facsimile services and will no longer accept the filing of international applications and other documents by means of facsimile (fax).

In addition, patent applications or other documents transmitted by fax to the EPO on or after 1 July 2024 will be deemed not to have been received. For further details, refer to the EPO's *Official Journal* OJ EPO 2024, articles A41 and A42.

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

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the location of its Customer Service Window, which is now as follows:

Location:

Customer Service Window
Knox Building, Room 1D80
501 Dulany Street
Alexandria
VA 22314
United States of America

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CL Chile

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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2024, are as follows:

Search fee:	CHF 1,826
Reduced search fee for natural persons and legal entities:	CHF 365 (where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States that benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion.)

Reduced search fee for universities:	CHF 285 (where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee.)

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

IB International Bureau of WIPO

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)** have been established, with effect from 1 July 2024, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD 110
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD 55 Supplement for airmail: USD 11

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

PH Philippines

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 **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2024, are CHF 548, or CHF 183 where the applicant is a small entity.[1]

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

US United States of America

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 **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2024, are CHF 1,990 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, CHF 796 for a small entity, and CHF 398 for a micro entity.

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

[1] A small entity refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

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

PT Portugal

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Government of the Portuguese Republic** 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 25 April 2024, as follows:

Bacteria Culture Collection of the University of Coimbra (UCCCB)
Specialized microbiology laboratories of the University of Coimbra
Rua da Matemática, nº 49, Prédio do Patronato, 3º Piso
3000-276 Coimbra
Portugal

[2] The full text of Budapest Notification N° 362 is available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/treaties/notifications/details/treaty_budapest_362

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SG Singapore

Further to the notification published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 18 April 2024 (page 80), the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau that, due to ongoing technical upgrades in the Office's electronic filing systems, it was also not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from Tuesday 14 May to Thursday 16 May 2024 (inclusive).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period shall expire on the next subsequent day on which the Office reopens to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/ClosedDates.xhtml

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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 2024, are CHF 88 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 391 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 **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 July 2024, are CHF 109, or CHF 27 in the case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution.

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BR Brazil

Pursuant to the state government Decree No. 57,596 of 1 May 2024 and the Federal Legislative Decree No. 36 of 7 May 2024 concerning natural calamity in the Brazilian state of Rio Grande do Sul, and in accordance with PCT Rule 82*quater*.1(d), the **National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (Brazil)** 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, between 24 April and 28 October 2024, is not met by an interested party residing, having a place of business or staying in the State of Rio Grande do Sul.

For additional information, refer to Ordinance No. 23 published in the *Revista da Propriedade Industrial* of 21 May 2024.

IB International Bureau of WIPO

In accordance with PCT Rule 82*quater*.1(d) concerning waiver of the need for evidence for excuse of delay under PCT Rule 82*quater*.1(a), the **International Bureau** hereby notifies that it shall waive the need for evidence for excuse of delay where a time limit fixed in the PCT Regulations for performing an action before it is not met by an interested party residing, having a place of business or staying in the state of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, and the party submits a statement that the failure to meet the time limit was due to the natural calamity in the Brazilian state of Rio Grande do Sul referred to in the *Revista da Propriedade Industrial* of the National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (Brazil) of 21 May 2024.

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MODIFICATIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with Offices, Authorities, and certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system, pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to Sections 305*bis*, 308, 707 and 804 of the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT* were promulgated[1] with effect from 1 July 2024.

The main purposes of these modifications are:

(i) to implement the amendments to the Regulations under the PCT that will enter into force on July 1, 2024[2] (Sections 305*bis* and 308);

(ii) to reflect the amendments to the Schedule of Fees that entered into force on 1 July 2015[3] (Section 707); and

(iii) to align the text of the Administrative Instructions with the current practice of the International Bureau concerning third party observations (Section 804).

The full text of the Administrative Instructions as in force from 1 July 2024 (PCT/AI/24) is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/

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Section 305*bis*
Preparation, Identification and Transmittal of the Copies of the Translation of the International Application under Rules 12.3, 12.4 and 26.3*ter*(e)

(a) [*No change*]

(a-*bis*) Where a translation of the description or the claims or any part thereof is furnished under Rule 26.3*ter*(e), the receiving Office shall:

(i) be responsible for the prompt preparation of any additional copies required where the translation is furnished in less than the number of copies required for the purposes of this paragraph, and shall have the right to fix a fee for performing that task and to collect such fee from the applicant;

(ii) mark the words “RECORD COPY – TRANSLATION (RULE 26.3*ter*(e))” in the upper left-hand corner of the relevant page(s) of the original copy of the translation and transmit that copy to the International Bureau;

[1] Refer to Circular C. PCT 1668, dated 21 May 2024.

[2] Refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 30 November 2023, page 223 *et seq.*

[3] Refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 12 February 2015, page 28 *et seq.*

(iii) mark the words “SEARCH COPY – TRANSLATION (RULE 26.3*ter*(e))” in the same space on one additional copy of the translation which, together with a copy of the request marked “SEARCH COPY” under Section 305(a)(ii), is considered pursuant to Rule 23.1(b) to be the search copy, and transmit such search copy together with the rest of the search copy to the International Searching Authority; and

(iv) mark the words “HOME COPY – TRANSLATION (RULE 26.3*ter*(e))” in the same space on the other such copy of the translation, and keep that copy together with the rest of the home copy in its files.

(b) The receiving Office may, when marking the copies of the translation under paragraph (a) or paragraph (a-*bis*), use, instead of the words referred to in that paragraph, the equivalent of those words in the language of publication of the international application.

(c) [*No change*]

Section 308
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of the International Application and of the Translation
thereof under Rules 12.3, 12.4, 20.2, 20.4 and 26.3*ter*

(a) [*No change*]

(b) The receiving Office shall indelibly mark the international application number referred to in Section 307 in the upper right-hand corner of each sheet of each copy of the purported international application and of any translation of the international application furnished under Rule 12.3, 12.4, or 26.3*ter*(a) or (e).

(c) [*No change*]

(d) [*No change*]

Section 707
Calculation of International Filing Fee and Fee Reduction

(a) [*No change*]

(a-*bis*) [*No change*]

(b) Item 4(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the Regulations shall apply to reduce the fees payable in respect of an international application filed in electronic form with a receiving Office which has notified the International Bureau under Section 710(a) that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form or which has decided to receive such an application in accordance with Section 703(d).

Section 804
Notification of Receipt of an Observation to the Applicant and
Comments by the Applicant in Response to an Observation

(a) The International Bureau shall notify the applicant if any third party observations are received in relation to an international application.

(b) [*No change*]

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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 August 2024, is SGD 1,454.

[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 August 2024, is JPY 260,200.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the maintenance fee component of its national fee, payable in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** to the Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, with effect from 29 July 2024. This amount, payable in respect of each one-year period and due at the time of entry into the national phase, where that entry is effected on or after the 2nd or possibly 3rd anniversary of the international filing date, is CAD 56.21 if the applicant is a small entity.

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

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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] - Amendment to Annex D

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2024.

Consequently, as from 1 July 2024, 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))	1,845[2]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,845[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]
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Part II. [No change]

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/docs/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.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

Location and mailing address:
Rua Mayrink Veiga 9
20º andar
Centro
Rio de Janeiro
RJ – CEP 20.090-910
Brazil

[Updating of Annex B(BR) 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:
malnoaimi@moci.gov.qa
falmotawa@moci.gov.qa
patent-ip@moci.gov.qa

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

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AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** 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 July 2024, are EUR 1,845 each.

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

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 August 2024, are EUR 841 for international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3[3], and EUR 994 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*]

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BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** 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(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

GB United Kingdom

In accordance with PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(a)(ii), the **Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom)**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau of changes to its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, which are now as follows:

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):

Where the applicant requests publication earlier than 16 months from the priority date, not later than that request

— any additional indications:

At the time of filing

[3] 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

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:

The specification of the application as filed must contain such relevant information as is available to the applicant on the characteristics of the biological material.

Additional information

Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom) with any depositary institution anywhere in the world. It is the responsibility of the applicant to select the depositary institution with which they wish to make their deposit and to ensure that samples of the biological material deposited will be made available in accordance with Rule 13(1) and Schedule 1 of the *UK Patents Rules 2007*. The applicant may give notice in writing to the International Bureau before technical preparations for publication of the international application are completed that a sample should be made available only to an expert (preferably by using Form PCT/RO/134).

WARNING: Where the invention involves the use of or concerns biological material which is not available to the public at the date of filing the application and which has been deposited by a person other than the applicant, the applicant must supply the following within 16 months from the priority date (or, if earlier, not later than a request for early publication):

(i) the name and address of the depositor; and

(ii) a statement by the depositor authorising the applicant to refer to the deposited material in the application and giving the depositor's irrevocable authorisation for the deposited material to be made available to the public in accordance with Schedule 1 to the *UK Patents Rules 20*07.

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **Korean won (KRW)**, **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 July 2024, are CHF 1,758, KRW 2,713,000, SGD 2,671, USD 1,974 and ZAR 36,230, respectively.

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES, INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES AND INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and in accordance with Sections 703, 710(a) and (b), and 713 of the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT*, the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau of several changes to its notification concerning the filing and processing of international applications in electronic form, as published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 29 January 2015 (page 19 *et seq.*) and subsequently modified in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 29 April 2021 (page 89).

Consequently, with effect since 1 July 2022 the following notification replaces the notifications published in the aforementioned issues of the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)*:

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)

– TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

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)

– WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

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

– ePCT-Filing (download file only – upload and submission via CIPO website (https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/canadian-intellectual-property-office))

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

– facsimile, text string and click wrap types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)

– 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 and sizes of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)) and the dates of creation of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(vi)). 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 through the ePCT software. Online payment by credit card or deposit account is possible through the Office’s website (https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/canadian-intellectual-property-office).

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

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions relating to the uploading and submission of the international application through its website. The help desk will be available between 8.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

– by telephone at:	(+866) 997 19 36 (toll-free within Canada and the United States of America) or (+819) 934 05 44 (international)
– by facsimile at:	(+819) 953 24 76
– via e-mail at:	ic.contact-contact.ic@ised-isde.gc.ca
– through the Office's website:	https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/canadian-intellectual-property-office

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

– international applications

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 (https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/canadian-intellectual-property-office).

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 (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 the ePCT private services.

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CL Chile

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its telephone number, which is now as follows:

Telephone: (56-2) 28 87 04 00

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

LU Luxembourg

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

E-mail: bpp@eco.etat.lu

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

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BR Brazil

In accordance with 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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2024, are EUR 293 for international applications filed online and EUR 439 for international applications filed on paper.

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

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LU Luxembourg

The **Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the fees payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office—there are now no fees payable to the Office for the preparation and transmittal of the priority document under PCT Rule 17.1(b).

In addition, the Office clarified its requirements concerning the waiver of power of attorney: the Office has waived the requirements to submit a separate power of attorney and a copy of a general power of attorney.

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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 can 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/en/web/das/participating_offices/index

PE Peru

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, both as a depositing and as an accessing Office, with effect since 1 July 2024.[1]

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

[1] https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=13932

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BR Brazil

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2024, are CHF 272 for international applications filed online and CHF 407 for international applications filed on paper.

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

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 July 2023, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	ISK	20,300
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ISK	5,400
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	ISK	48,700

[Updating of Annex C(IS) 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 new amounts, applicable from 1 September 2024, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY	237,500
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY	2,700
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	JPY	53,600
Handling fee:	JPY	35,700

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. These amounts, also applicable from 1 September 2024, are CHF 801 for international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3[1] and CHF 946 for international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 July 2023, are as follows:

National fee:

Application fee[2]	ISK 76,000
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10[3]	ISK 4,900
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation[4]	ISK 20,500
Total annual fees for the first three years[5]	ISK 36,000

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IS) 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

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

[3] If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

[4] Where the basic national fee has been paid within the applicable time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the prescribed translation may be filed within a further period of two months, provided that it is accompanied by the additional fee.

[5] These fees are payable within two months after performing the acts for entering the national phase. Payment can still be made, together with a 20% surcharge for late payment, before the expiration of the sixth month after the month containing the anniversary of the international filing date.

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES

Pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2, and in accordance with Annex G of the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT*, an Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service (a "participating Office")[6] as a "collecting Office" may, via the International Bureau, transfer the following fees and differences to another Office (the "beneficiary Office"), for PCT purposes:

– **international filing fee** (PCT Rule 15.2(c) or (d));
– **search fee** (PCT Rule 16.1(c) or (d));
– **supplementary search fee** (PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b));
– **handling fee** (PCT Rule 57.2(c) or (d)); and
– **differences relating to the search fee**[7] (PCT Rule 16.1(e)).

Between 1 April and 30 June 2024 (inclusive),[8] the following Office notified the International Bureau of its participation in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.1 of the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT*, as follows:

	PCT Fee Transfers				
	International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
BA Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

[6] The term "participating Office" may refer to any PCT receiving Office ("RO"), International Searching Authority ("ISA"), Authority specified for supplementary international search ("SISA"), or International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA").

[7] Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

[8] The complete list of Offices participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, as of 31 December 2023, is available in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 25 January 2024 (page 24 *et seq*.). The list of additional Offices that have notified their participation between 1 January and 30 April 2024 is available in the *Official Notifications (PCT Gazette)* of 11 April 2024, page 78.

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GR Greece

The **Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)** has clarified the conditions for the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means of communication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the Office accepts the filing of all kinds of documents by means of facsimile.

In addition, the Office requires that the original of the document be furnished in all cases.

Furthermore, the Office clarified its requirements concerning provisional protection after international publication, as follows:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent:

– After international publication or, where that publication was in a language other than one of the official languages of the EPO, after publication by the EPO of the international application translated into one of its official languages, the applicant may, as from the date of publication in the Greek Industrial Property Official Gazette of a notification that a translation of the claims in Greek has been filed with OBI, claim damages and request the description and seizure of the articles infringing the patent and anything used in the making thereof.

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

HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its facsimile number, which is now as follows:

Facsimile machine: (385-1) 6109 660

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

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (966-11) 280 59 76
(966-11) 280 59 84
(966-11) 280 63 22

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

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GR Greece

The **Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning the requirements for representation before the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, as follows:

- an agent is not required if the applicant has a residence or principal place of business in Greece;
- an agent is required if the applicant has neither a residence nor principal place of business in Greece.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

LU Luxembourg

The **Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg)**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* (Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27). The Office now requires the following:

- name and country indication from address of the inventor, if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application;
- deed of assignment of the priority rights, where the applicants are not identical;
- appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in the European Economic Area.

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

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

GR Greece

The **Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has provided the International Bureau with a clarification about 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 continues to require that a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted.

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UG Uganda

The **Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)** has clarified the provisions of its national legislation concerning restrictions to the filing of international applications with foreign Offices.

Pursuant to Section 15 of the Industrial Property Act, 2014, persons resident in Uganda are required to seek written authorization to file outside Uganda if such filing is less than six weeks from the filing of a national application.

Additionally, pursuant to Section 14, an application that has been deemed to contain information prejudicial to security of Uganda or safety of the public may not be filed as an international patent application.

[Updating of Annex B(UG) 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 concerning the languages in which international applications may be filed pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a) – it no longer accepts Greek.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a modification concerning the number of copies of an international application required by it if the application is filed on paper – one copy must be filed instead of three.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified the International Bureau of additional details concerning:

— the filing of paper documents with the Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office: documents for entry into the national phase filed on paper are only accepted if received by mail. Refer to the Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 253/19 of 13 November 2019 and Official Ordinance No. 22/21 of 29 March 2021 for further details.

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

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IB International Bureau of WIPO

In accordance with PCT Rule 82*quater*.1(d) concerning waiver of the need for evidence for excuse of delay under PCT Rule 82*quater*.1(a), the **International Bureau**, including in its role as receiving Office hereby notifies that it shall waive the need for evidence for excuse of delay where a time limit fixed in the PCT Regulations for performing an action before it was not met due to the global computer outage that began on July 19, 2024.

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IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified an additional email address, which is as follows:

roin.ipo@nic.in

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

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its location, which is now as follows:

Location address: 22, Via Quattro Fontane
00184 Roma
Italy

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the category of applicants to which fees, payable to it as receiving Office, are applicable.

With effect since 15 March 2024, "educational institution(s)" has been added to the former applicant category of "natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies)." Consequently, since this date, the applicant category established by the Office should read: "natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies) or educational institution(s)."

In addition, the Office has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) up to 30 pages, in **Indian rupees (INR)**, and payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

	Natural person(s) or start-up(s) or small entity(ies) or educational institution(s)		*Other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies) or educational institution(s)*	
Fee for priority document[1] up to 30 pages:				
– paper transmission:				
for an application filed electronically:	INR	1,000	INR	5,000
for an application filed on paper:	INR	1,100	INR	5,500

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** 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 agents, as follows:

https://iprsearch.ipindia.gov.in/AgentRegister/

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the category of applicants to which components of the national fee, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, are applicable.

[1] The Indian Patent Office is a Participating Office in the WIPO Digital Access Service (DAS) (refer to *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1(IN)). No fee is required by the Office where, as a depositing Office, it has made a certified copy of the priority document available through DAS.

With effect since 15 March 2024, “educational institution(s)” has been added to the former applicant category of “natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies).” Consequently, since this date, the applicant category established by the Office should read: “natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies) or educational institution(s).”

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning the address of the Office’s website at which the Office’s fee schedule is available, as follows:

https://ipindia.gov.in/writereaddata/Portal/ev/schedules/Schedule_1.pdf

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

KR Republic of Korea

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of several changes to its notification concerning the filing and processing of international applications in electronic form.

Consequently, the following notification will replace the previous notifications published in the PCT Gazette No. 51/2003, of 18 December 2003, pages 29020 *et seq.*; No. 24/2004, of 10 June 2004, page 13496; No. 06/2005, of 10 February 2005, pages 3766 *et seq.* Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 24 December 2014, page 201 and of 28 September 2017, page 139 *et seq.*:

“**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)

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

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

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

– online filing (see Annex F, section 5.1 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

– filing by means of CD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e))

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
– NK-Editor software
– NKEAPS, PKEAPS software

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 the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form.

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

Online payment is available on KIPO's website (http://www.patent.go.kr) and Internet giro (http://www.giro.or.kr). Applicants can check the total of fees that are due and pay them via the websites.

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

Within the framework of its service for the electronic filing of international applications, the Office has put in place a help desk: the Patent Customer Consulting Center. The task of this help desk is to answer questions from users of the service for the electronic filing of international applications and subsequent documents, and in particular to serve as a technical Hotline in order to help applicants whenever bugs and other technical problems relating to the software are encountered.

This help desk is open from Monday to Friday, from 9 am until 6 pm. The Patent Customer Consulting Center may be contacted:

– by phone at (national) 1544-8080

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

– international applications

– any subsequent document, such as amendments, corrections or rectifications of the description or claims, that may be prepared with the NKEAPS, PKEAPS 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 electronic systems when an international application is to be filed with the Office, the applicant may use the Domestic Emergency Application System and submit documents to the website the Office provides (see https://www.patent.go.kr/).

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the System and filing procedures.

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 https://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 the ePCT private services.”

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PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau that, due to inclement weather conditions, it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Wednesday and Thursday, 24 and 25 July 2024.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on the next working day, Friday, 26 July 2024.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/ClosedDates.xhtml

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2024, is KRW 2,037,000.

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

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2024, is JPY 315,400.

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

JP Japan

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2024, are USD 905 for international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3[1] and USD 1,069 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

In accordance with 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 **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2024, are AUD 487 for international applications filed in Korean or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and AUD 1,299 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

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

CA Canada

Agreement between the Government of Canada and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[1] – Amendments to Annex D

The **Canadian Intellectual Property 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, which will take effect on 1 January 2025, consist of changes in the amounts of several fees payable to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

With effect from 1 January 2025, 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 (Canadian dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,317.68
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,317.68
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,158.84
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,158.84
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1*ter* and 94.2) in electronic form	
(a) for the first 7 megabytes, plus	[no change]
(b) for each additional 10 megabytes or part thereof exceeding the first 7 megabytes	[no change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1*ter* and 94.2), per page (paper)	[no change]

Part II. [No change]

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

The Office has also notified a change concerning how to obtain copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3) or the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2).

Requests for copies of these documents should now be sent to the following e-mail address:

cipopbpctpractice-opicpratiquepctdb@ised-isde.gc.ca

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

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HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of the provisions of its national legislation concerning restrictions to the filing of international applications with foreign Offices by applicants who are natural or legal persons having a residence or principal place of business in Hungary.

Pursuant to Article 53(5) of the *Act XXXIII of 1995 on the Protection of Inventions by Patents, Government Decree 142/1996 (IX.2.)* and *Act LXV of 1995*, the restrictions apply to applications which may be of interest for national defence or security unless priority of an earlier application filed at the HIPO is claimed.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

In accordance with 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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2024, are USD 300 for international applications filed online and USD 450 for international applications filed on paper.

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

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2025, is CAD 434.30.

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

The Office also notified new amounts of fees, in Canadian dollars (CAD), payable to it in its capacity as International Searching Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 January 2025, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	CAD	2,317.68
Additional search fee[2] (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	CAD	2,317.68

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

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of fees, in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 January 2025, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	CAD	1,158.84
Additional preliminary examination fee[3] (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	CAD	1,158.84

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

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the transmittal fee, in **Colombian pesos (COP)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These new amounts, applicable since 26 March 2024, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):

– electronic filing:	COP	326,000
– paper filing:	COP	431,000

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

[2] This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

[3] This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

RECEIVING OFFICES

MU Mauritius

The **Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM)** has specified the Austrian Patent Office – in addition to the Australian Patent Office and the European Patent Office (EPO) – as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 September 2024 with IPOM or with the receiving Office of the International Bureau of WIPO, by nationals and residents of Mauritius.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of certain components of its national fee, in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2025, are as follows:

National fee:

Basic national fee:[4]	CAD	579.42 (234.90)[5]
Fee for reinstatement of rights (late entry into the national phase):	CAD	289.19

The Office has also notified a new amount of the maintenance fee component of its national fee, payable in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** to the Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, also with effect from 1 January 2025. This amount, payable in respect of each one-year period and due at the time of entry into the national phase, where that entry is effected on or after the 2nd or possibly 3rd anniversary of the international filing date, is CAD 125, or CAD 58.68 if the applicant is a small entity.

Furthermore, the Office has notified additional details concerning requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49*ter*.2). The Office does not accept requests under PCT Rule 49*ter*.2 but does, as a designated Office, accept requests for restoration of the right of priority under subsection 28.4(6) of the Canadian Patent Act and section 77 of the Canadian Patent Rules.

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

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4 Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

5 The amount in parentheses is applicable only if the applicant is entitled to pay certain fees at the "small entity" level. In order to be entitled to pay the reduced fee, a signed "small entity" declaration compliant with subsection 44(3) of the *Canadian Patent Rules* must, within the applicable time limit set out in subsection 154(1)(c)(i), 154(2)(a), 154(3)(a)(iii)(A), 154(3)(b)(i)(A) or 154(3)(b)(ii)(A) of the *Canadian Patent Rules*, be made by the applicant or the agent on the applicant's behalf (the declaration shall preferably follow the form of the declaration set out in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Phase, Annex CA.II).

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national fee,[6] in **Colombian pesos (COP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable since 26 March 2024, are as follows:

For a patent:	Online	On paper
Filing fee:	COP 107,000	COP 132,500
Annual fees:		
– for the 1st to the 4th year, per year:	COP 351,500 (522,500)[7]	COP 422,000 (627,000)[7]
For a utility model:		
– Filing fee:	COP 95,000	COP 116,500

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[6] Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable fee amount.

[7] 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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BE Belgium

The **Belgian Intellectual Property Office (IPObel)** has notified the International Bureau that the name of the Office is as follows:

Name of Office:	Belgian Intellectual Property Office (IPObel)

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

LA Lao People's Democratic Republic

The **Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Science and Technology (Lao People's Democratic Republic)** has notified a new time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Articles 22(1) and 39(1)(a). This time limit, applicable since 30 March 2023, is 30 months from the priority date.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (LA), 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:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

BE Belgium

Following notification of participation in DAS as an accessing Office with effect since 1 November 2020, in accordance with paragraph 10 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Belgian Intellectual Property Office (IPObel)** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office, with effect from 1 September 2024.[1]

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[1] For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11660

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CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified the International Bureau of the deletion of the facsimile number from its contact means, as well as changes in its location and mailing address, and to its telephone number. In addition, the Office also notified an alternate address for its correspondence and filing service, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Carrera 13 No. 27-00, Piso 3 Bogotá D.C. Colombia
Correspondence and filing service:	Av. Carrera 7 Nos. 31a - 36, Piso 3 Bogotá D.C. Colombia
Telephone:	(57-601) 587 00 00

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

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau that it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Thursday and Friday, 8 and 9 August 2024.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on the next working day, Monday, 12 August 2024.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/ClosedDates.xhtml

PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau that it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Wednesday 28 August 2024.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on the next working day, Thursday, 29 August 2024.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/ClosedDates.xhtml

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AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of the discontinuation of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), with effect from 1 October 2024.

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

CA Canada

New equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** 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 new amounts, applicable from 1 November 2024, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CAD	2,120
Fee per sheet in excess of 30 sheets:	CAD	24
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	CAD	319
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	CAD	478
Handling fee:	CAD	319

Furthermore, 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 **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2024, is CHF 1,393.

[Updating of Annex C(CA), D(CA) and E(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EG Egypt

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 **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2024, is CHF 70.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

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 **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2024, is JPY 296,600.

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

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 November 2024, are CHF 101, or CHF 25 in the case of filing by an individual.

[Updating of Annex D(IN) 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 November 2024, are USD 992 for international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3[1], and USD 1,173 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*]

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 (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 November 2024, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NOK	16,550
Fee per sheet in excess of 30 sheets:	NOK	190

[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

Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):

Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	NOK	2,490
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	NOK	3,730

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

CN China

The **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau of an update to the requirements for representation before the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, with effect since 20 January 2024, as follows:

– an agent is required if the applicant has no habitual residence or business office in the Chinese mainland;

– an agent is not required if the applicant has a habitual residence or business office in the Chinese mainland.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CN China

The **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the reference to a Rule of the Implementing Regulations of the Chinese Patent Law in the note concerning the time limits applicable for entry into the national phase. The revised note now reads as follows:

> The time limit may be extended by two months, provided the applicant pays the prescribed fee (PCT Article 48 and Implementing Regulations of Chinese Patent Law, Rule 120).

The Office has also notified, with effect since 26 July 2024, changes to the conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, which are now as follows:

The filing fee and the additional filing fee for an international application entering the national phase shall be exempted, when the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) acts as the receiving Office and the International Searching Authority.

No examination fee is payable if the international search report and the international preliminary report on patentability have been issued by the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA).

A refund of 50% of the examination fee may be requested where the application has entered the substantive examination stage and the application is voluntarily withdrawn prior to the expiration of the time limit for responding to the first examination opinion (except when a response has already been submitted).

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change to its special requirement (under PCT Rule 51*bis*) concerning the instrument of assignment of the international application, with effect since 20 January 2024. The consolidated list of special requirements under the aforementioned Rule is now as follows:

– Name of the inventor if it has not been furnished in the request part of the international application[2]

– Instrument of assignment of the priority right where the applicants are not identical[2]

– If necessary, the documents certifying that the applicant as changed is entitled to the application

– Appointment of an agent

– Evidence concerning exceptions to lack of novelty if the applicant claims such exceptions in respect of the international application

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

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[2] This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

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CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 24 August 2023, page 163. In particular, the Office has clarified the name of the electronic filing software to be used for the filing of international applications in electronic form.

Consequently, the item concerning electronic filing software specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) will be replaced by the following:

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

– Patent Business Processing System

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

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified[3] 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 29 August 2024, as follows:

Collection of Eubiotic and Epiphytic Microorganisms (CEEM)
Kuban State Agrarian University named after I.T.Trubilin
13 Kalinina Street
Krasnodar, 350044
Russian Federation

[3] The full text of Budapest Notification N˚ 363 is available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/treaties/notifications/details/treaty_budapest_363

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AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **Australian dollars (AUD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable from 1 October 2024, as follows:

Filing fee:

– Where the following preferred means are used: Online Services (eServices) or Business to Business (B2B)[1]:	AUD	400
– Where other means such as mail or at a counter are used[1]:	AUD	600

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AU) 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 November 2024, are EUR 108, or EUR 27 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 one of the new equivalent amounts of the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office** applies, published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 September 2024 (page 144), was incorrect. The correct indication is "a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution."

[1] For more information, see https://www.ipaustralia.gov.au/patents/timeframes-and-fees#fx-tabs-0-panel-0

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

GR Greece

The **Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)**, 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 19 September 2024, 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 XML (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)):

– Front Office (GR epatents)

– 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 and 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: (+30-210) 618 36 67 and (+30-210) 618 35 20

– by e-mail at: epct@obi.gr

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 (https://www.obi.gr/en/)

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 (https://www.wipo.int/pct-eservices/en/certificates.html)
– Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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(GR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MU Mauritius

The **Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM)**, 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 November 2024, 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 XML (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 and 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: (230) 260 28 11

– by e-mail at: ipom@govmu.org

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 (https://foreign.govmu.org/Pages/Industrial Property Office/Industrial-Property-Office.aspx)

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 (https://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(MU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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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 November 2024, are ZAR 39,000 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 15,600 for a small entity, and ZAR 7,800 for a micro entity.

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

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CO Colombia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of several changes to its notification concerning the filing and processing of international applications in electronic form.

Consequently, the following notification replaces the previous notifications published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 19 November 2015, pages 184 *et seq.*:

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)

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 signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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 e-mail at: dirnuecreaciones@sic.gov.co

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 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 (www.sic.gov.co).

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 (https://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 the ePCT private services.

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REVISED LISTS OF STATES MEETING THE CRITERIA REFERRED TO IN ITEMS 5(a) AND 5(b) OF THE PCT SCHEDULE OF FEES

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation by means of Circular C. PCT 1670 of 25 June 2024, a revised version of the lists of States meeting the criteria referred to in items 5(a) and 5(b) of the PCT Schedule of Fees, in accordance with the Directives[1] for updating these lists, has been established.

The revised lists of States meeting those criteria, with effect from 1 January 2025, are as follows:

(1) States meeting the criterion referred to in item 5(a) of the PCT Schedule of Fees:

(i) States that are PCT Contracting States:

Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Eswatini, Gabon, Gambia (the), Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Türkiye, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

(ii) States that are not PCT Contracting States:

Afghanistan, Argentina, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Micronesia (Federated States of), Guyana, Haiti, Kiribati, Lebanon, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, Pakistan, Palau, Paraguay, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Sudan, Suriname, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen.

[1] As adopted by the Assembly of the PCT Union at its forty-sixth (27th extraordinary) session and published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 February 2015 (page 33).

(2) States meeting the criterion referred to in item 5(b) of the PCT Schedule of Fees:

(i) States that are PCT Contracting States:

Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Djibouti, Gambia (the), Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Togo, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia.

(ii) States that are not PCT Contracting States:

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Haiti, Kiribati, Myanmar, Nepal, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Sudan, Timor-Leste, Tuvalu, Yemen.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

DE Germany

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

Telephone: (49-89) 2195-1000

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

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BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** and **Swiss francs (CHF)** 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 December 2024, are EUR 272 and CHF 256 for international applications filed online and EUR 408 and CHF 383 for international applications filed on paper.

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

CL Chile

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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2024, are as follows:

Search fee:	EUR 1,798
Reduced search fee for natural persons and legal entities:	EUR 360 (where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States that benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion.)
Reduced search fee for universities:	EUR 270 (where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee.)

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

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 December 2024, are EUR 896 for international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3[2], and EUR 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*]

[2] 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

PH Philippines

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 **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2024, are EUR 539, or EUR 180 where the applicant is a small entity.[3]

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2024, are as follows:

International filing fee:	USD	1,575
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD	18
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request not being in character coded format):	USD	118
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	USD	237
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	USD	355

[Updating of Annexes C(AM), C(AP), C(AZ), C(BH), C(BW), C(BY), C(BZ), C(CL), C(CR), C(DJ), C(DO), C(EA), C(EC), C(EG), C(GE), C(GH), C(HN), C(IB), C(IL), C(IN), C(IQ), C(JM), C(JO), C(KE), C(KG), C(KH), C(KZ), C(LR), C(MD), C(MW), C(MX), C(NI), C(OM), C(PA), C(PE), C(PG), C(PH), C(QA), C(RU), C(SA), C(SC), C(SV), C(SY), C(TJ), C(TM), C(TT), C(UA), C(UG), C(US), C(UZ), C(WS), C(ZM) and C(ZW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[3] A small entity refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

In addition, 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 **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2024, are EUR 1,960 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, EUR 784 for a small entity and EUR 392 for a micro entity.

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

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 December 2024, is USD 237.

[Updating of Annexes E(CL), E(EA), E(EG), E(IN), E(PH), E(RU) and E(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the Internet address at which paper copies of cited US patents and US patent application publications cited in search reports, written opinions or international preliminary examination reports in international applications can be purchased online, which is now as follows:

Internet: https://certifiedcopycenter.uspto.gov/index.html

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office (JPO)** has notified the International Bureau of the provisions of its national legislation concerning restrictions to the filing of international applications with foreign Offices, applicable to inventions made in Japan, with effect since 1 May 2024.

Pursuant to Article 78 of the *Act on the Promotion of Ensuring National Security through Integrated Implementation of Economic Measures*, the restrictions apply to applications for inventions belonging to a field of technology specified by Cabinet Order according to the International Patent Classification, etc., that could, if made public, undermine the security of the nation and its citizens through external actions.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IB International Bureau of WIPO

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)** have been established, with effect from 1 December 2024, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD 118
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD 59 Supplement for airmail: USD 12

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

PH Philippines

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 **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2024, are CHF 507, or CHF 169 where the applicant is a small entity.[1]

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

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **new lei (RON)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2025, are as follows.

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	RON	498	
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RON	100	plus copying costs

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

US United States of America

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 **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2024, are CHF 1,841 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, CHF 736 for a small entity, and CHF 368 for a micro entity.

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

[1] A small entity refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BH Bahrain

The **Directorate of Foreign Trade & Industrial Property, National Patent Office (Bahrain)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of national fees in case of filing by an individual, in **Bahraini dinars (BHD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 22 September 2023, are as follows:

For patent:	(Companies)	(Individuals)
Filing fee:[2]	[No change]	BHD 40
Second annual fee:	[No change]	[No change]
Publication fee:	[No change]	BHD 50
For utility model:		
Filing fee:	[No change]	[No change]

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

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES

Pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2, and in accordance with Annex G of the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT*, an Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service (a "participating Office")[3] as a "collecting Office" may, via the International Bureau, transfer the following fees and differences to another Office (the "beneficiary Office"), for PCT purposes:

– **international filing fee** (PCT Rule 15.2(c) or (d));
– **search fee** (PCT Rule 16.1(c) or (d));
– **supplementary search fee** (PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b));
– **handling fee** (PCT Rule 57.2(c) or (d)); and
– **differences relating to the search fee**[4] (PCT Rule 16.1(e)).

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

[3] The term "participating Office" may refer to any PCT receiving Office ("RO"), International Searching Authority ("ISA"), Authority specified for supplementary international search ("SISA"), or International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA").

[4] Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

Between 1 July and 30 September 2024 (inclusive),[5] the following Office notified the International Bureau of its participation in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.1 of the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT*, as follows:

	PCT Fee Transfers				
	International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
UZ Intellectual Property Agency under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan	n/a	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/RU	n/a	n/a	n/a

[5] The complete list of Offices participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, as of 31 December 2023, is available in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 25 January 2024 (pages 24 *et seq*.). The lists of additional Offices that have notified their participation between 1 January and 31 March 2024 and between 1 April and 30 June 2024 are available in the *Official Notifications (PCT Gazette)* of 11 April 2024, page 78 and 11 July 2024, page 115, respectively.

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States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

UY Uruguay

On 7 October 2024, **Uruguay** deposited its instrument of accession to the *Patent Cooperation Treaty* (PCT) and will become bound by the PCT on **7 January 2025**. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 7 January 2025 will automatically include the designation of Uruguay (country code: UY).

Furthermore, as from 7 January 2025, nationals and residents of Uruguay will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

The instrument of accession to the PCT deposited by Uruguay contains a declaration under PCT Article 64(1)(a) that it is not bound by the provisions of Chapter II of the PCT.

[Updating PCT Contracting States of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AM Armenia

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Armenia** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its location and mailing address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:
5/1 M. Mkrtchyan
0010 Yerevan
Armenia

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

HN Honduras

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

Location and mailing address:
Centro Cívico Gubernamental
Boulevard Juan Pablo
Tegucigalpa
Honduras

E-mail:
patentes@ip.gob.hn
Yilda.madrid@ip.gob.hn

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CL Chile

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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2024, are as follows:

Search fee:	CHF 1,689
Reduced search fee for natural persons and legal entities:	CHF 338 (where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States that benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion.)
Reduced search fee for universities:	CHF 253 (where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee.)

[Updating of Annex D(CL) 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 can 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/en/web/das/participating_offices/index

KH Cambodia

In accordance with paragraph 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Department of Industrial Property (DIP), Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation (MISTI) (Cambodia)** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS as an accessing Office, with effect from 1 March 2025.[1]

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[1] For details, refer to https://www.wipo.int/en/web/das/participating_offices/search-details?territoryId=90

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

ME Montenegro

The **Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism (Montenegro)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to the name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Name of Office:	Ministry of Economic Development (Montenegro)

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Russian roubles (RUB)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 5 October 2024, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	RUB	2,000
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RUB	3,000
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	RUB	2,000

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in components of the national fee, in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 5 October 2024. The consolidated list of the said components is now as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee:[1]	RUB	4,000
Examination fee:[2]		
– for one independent claim:	RUB	14,000
– for each independent claim in excess of one:	RUB	10,000
Annual fee for the sixth year:	RUB	3,000

For a utility model:

Filing fee:[1]	RUB	2,000
Annual fee for the sixth year:	RUB	3,000

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change to its conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fees – with effect since 5 October 2024, the 30% reduction of the filing fee, the examination fee and the reinstatement fee, where the application and all required documents are filed online, is no longer applicable.

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

[1] If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

[2] Where the request for substantive examination is filed upon entry into the national phase.

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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] – Amendment to Annex D

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) and (3) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to its Annex D, Part I, with effect from 5 October 2024.

Consequently, with effect since 5 October 2024, the amended Annex D reads as follows:

Annex D
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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	45,000
– for an application in Russian	9,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	
– for an application in English	45,000
– for an application in Russian	9,000
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45*bis*.3(a))	12,000
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)	19,000
Review fee (Rule 45*bis*.6(c))	[no change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	
– for an application in English	18,000
– for an application in Russian	5,000

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-ru.pdf

– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	
– for an application in English	26,000
– for an application in Russian	7,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	
– for an application in English	21,000
– for an application in Russian	6,000
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	
– for an application in English	25,000
– for an application in Russian	7,000
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	4,000
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13*ter*.1(c) and 13*ter*.2)	5,000
Cost of copies (except for documents transmitted to the applicant along with the international search report or preliminary examination report) (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b))	
– patent document, per page	[no change]
– non-patent document, per page	[no change]
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1*ter* and 94.2), per page	[no change]

Part II. [No change]

SA Saudi Arabia

At its fifty-fifth (24th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 6 to 14 July 2023, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) appointed the **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** as an International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) under the PCT (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette), dated 30 November 2023, pages 223 *et seq.*).

The Office has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to start functioning as an ISA and IPEA with effect from 15 December 2024.

The Agreement between the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization in relation to the functioning of the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, will enter into force on 15 December 2024.

This Agreement is set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

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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 December 2024, is CNY 14,310.

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

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Russian roubles (RUB)**, payable to the Office as International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable since 5 October 2024, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a))		
– for searches carried out in English:	RUB	45,000
– for searches carried out in Russian:	RUB	9,000
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a))		
– for searches carried out in English:	RUB	45,000
– for searches carried out in Russian:	RUB	9,000
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45*bis*.3(a)):	RUB	12,000

Supplementary search fee for a search in accordance with paragraph 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):	RUB	19,000	
Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b))			
– for examination carried out in English:	RUB	18,000	(26,000)
			The amount in parentheses is payable when the international search report was not prepared by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)
– for examination carried out in Russian:	RUB	5,000	(7,000)
			The amount in parentheses is payable when the international search report was not prepared by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a))			
– for examination carried out in English:	RUB	21,000	(25,000)
			The amount in parentheses is payable when the international search report was not prepared by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)
– for examination carried out in Russian:	RUB	6,000	(7,000)
			The amount in parentheses is payable when the international search report was not prepared by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)

Protest fee (PCT Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e)):	RUB	4,000
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (PCT Rules 13*ter*.1(c), 13*ter*.2 and 45*bis*.5(c)):	RUB	5,000

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

CN China

Further to the notifications published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 29 October 2020 (page 223), 6 October 2022 (page 276) and 26 October 2023 (page 194) regarding the pilot project between the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** and the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, the CNIPA has notified the International Bureau that, pursuant to the consensus reached by the CNIPA and the EPO, applicants who file an international application with the CNIPA as receiving Office and select the EPO as International Searching Authority shall pay the international search fee to the CNIPA, in **Chinese Yuan Renminbi (CNY)**, from 1 December 2024.

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

AGREEMENT

between the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1
Terms and Expressions

(1) For the purposes of this Agreement:

(a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;

(b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;

(c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;

(d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;

(e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;

(f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;

(g) “the Authority” means the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property;

(h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2
Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3
Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5
Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

(i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);

(ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6
Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on a date to be notified to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization by the Authority, that date being at least one month later than the date on which the notification is made.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

(i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;

(ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;

(iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;

(iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;

(v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;

(vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

(i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

(ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12
Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:

(i) if the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or

(ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *Geneva,* this 11th day of July two thousand and twenty-three, in two originals in the English and Arabic languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property by:

For the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization by:

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: any Contracting State;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned: any Contracting State.

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) the following languages which it will accept:

Arabic and English.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search: Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Saudi Arabian Patent Law.

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Saudi Riyal)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	600
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	amount as set out in Rule 58*bis*.2
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	600
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	400
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13*ter*.1(c) and 13*ter*.2)	100
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1*ter* and 94.2), per page	3

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search, 25 to 75% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex E
Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification system in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following language(s):

Arabic and English, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated.

Annex G
International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

GH Ghana

The **Registrar General's Department (Ghana)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its e-mail address and its Internet address, as follows:

E-mail:	info@rgd.gov.gh ip@rgd.gov.gh
Internet:	https://rgd.gov.gh/Patent.html

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

The name and address of the inventor may be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

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

IR Islamic Republic of Iran

The **Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its location and mailing address, and to its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Mellat Building, Phayazbakhsh Ave. Imam Khomeini Square Tehran 1114678111 Islamic Republic of Iran
Telephone:	(98-21) 6392 3361
Facsimile:	(98-21) 6675 1799

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

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 2024, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	12.31	(online)
	EUR	24.60	(on paper)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	18.46	(electronic copy)
	EUR	49.19	(paper copy)
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	EUR	184.49	(request filed online)
	EUR	368.98	(request filed on paper)

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

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 since 1 July 2024, are as follows:

National fee:[1]

For a patent:

Filing fee:[2]	EUR	123.00	(online)
	EUR	246.00	(on paper)

For a utility model:

Filing fee:[2]	EUR	215.24	(online)
	EUR	430.48	(on paper)

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

[1] 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.

[2] Includes publication and examination.

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 since 1 July 2024, are EUR 184.49 where the request is filed online and EUR 368.98 where the request is filed on paper.

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following consultations undertaken by the Director General of WIPO in October 2024, in accordance with the Directives adopted by the PCT Assembly[1] and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the **international filing fee** (including the fee per sheet over 30 and fee reductions when an international application is filed in electronic form) and the **handling fee**, respectively, have been established in **various currencies**, with effect from 1 January 2025, as indicated in table 1 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current equivalent amounts in the prescribed currencies, and, in bold print, any new equivalent amounts of those fees corresponding to the amounts in Swiss francs (CHF) set out in the current Schedule of Fees.[2]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of **search fees** have been established in the **prescribed currencies of receiving Offices** for all International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 January 2025, as indicated in table 2 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current equivalent amounts, and, in bold print, any new equivalent amounts of the search fees fixed by the International Searching Authorities.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the **supplementary search fees** have been established in **Swiss francs (CHF)** for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, also with effect from 1 January 2025, as indicated in table 3 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows the supplementary search fees fixed by the Authorities, as well as the new equivalent amounts of those fees in Swiss francs (CHF).

[1] The Directives of the PCT Assembly relating to the establishment of equivalent amounts of certain fees are available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/equivalent_amounts.html

[2] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/rtax.html

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

Annexes C(AM), (AP), (AT), (AU), (AZ), (BA), (BG), (BH), (BW), (BY), (BZ), (CA), (CL), (CN), (CR), (CV), (CY), (CZ), (DE), (DJ), (DK), (DO), (EA), (EC), (EE), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (FR), (GB), (GE), (GH), (GR), (HN), (HR), (HU), (IB), (IE), (IL), (IN), (IQ), (IS), (IT), (JM), (JO), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KH), (KZ), (LR), (LT), (LU), (LV), (MD), (MT), (MW), (MX), (NI), (NL), (NO), (NZ), (OM), (PA), (PE), (PG), (PH), (PT), (QA), (RO), (RS), (RU), (SA), (SC), (SE), (SG), (SI), (SK), (SV), (SY), (TJ), (TM), (TT), (UA), (UG), (US), (UZ), (WS), (ZA), (ZM), (ZW),

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

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 December 2024, are CHF 81, EUR 86 and USD 95 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 403, EUR 429 and USD 473 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, applicable since 5 October 2024, are CHF 107 and CHF 170 (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*]

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 2025, **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 2025,
18 and 21 April 2025,
29 May 2025,
9 June 2025,
1 August 2025, and
25 and 31 December 2025.

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

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2025)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on October 7, 2024	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees Item 3	
				Item 4(a)	Item 4(b)	Item 4(c)		
Reference currency Swiss franc		1,330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar		2,274	26	n.a	342	513	342	Current amount
	0.58100	**2,289**	26	n.a	**344**	**516**	**344**	**New amount**
CAD - Canadian dollar		2,120	24	n.a	319	478	319	Current amount *
	0.62967	**2,112**	24	n.a	**318**	**476**	**318**	**New amount**
CNY - Yuan renminbi		10,620	120	n.a	1,600	2,400	1,600	Current amount
	0.12104	**10,990**	120	n.a	**1,650**	**2,480**	**1,650**	**New amount**
DKK - Danish krone		10,300	120	n.a	1,550	2,320	1,550	Current amount
	0.12589	**10,560**	120	n.a	**1,590**	**2,380**	**1,590**	**New amount**
EUR - Euro		1,381	16	104	208	311	208	Current amount
	0.93880	**1,417**	16	**107**	**213**	**320**	**213**	**New amount**
GBP - Pound sterling		1,197	13	n.a	180	270	n.a	Current amount
	1.11886	**1,189**	13	n.a	**179**	**268**	n.a	**New amount**
HUF - Hungarian forint		536,300	6,000	n.a	80,600	121,000	n.a	Current amount
	0.00233	**570,800**	**6,400**	n.a	**85,800**	**128,800**	n.a	**New amount**
ILS - New Israeli shekel		n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	838	Current amount
	0.22581	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	**886**	**New amount**
ISK - Icelandic krona		213,100	2,400	n.a	32,100	48,100	n.a	Current amount
	0.00632	**210,400**	2,400	n.a	**31,600**	**47,500**	n.a	**New amount**
JPY - Japanese yen		237,500	2,700	n.a	n.a	53,600	35,700	Current amount
	0.00577	**230,500**	**2,600**	n.a	n.a	**52,000**	**34,700**	**New amount**
KRW - Korean won		n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	299,000	Current amount
	0.00064	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	**313,000**	**New amount**
NOK - Norwegian krone		16,550	190	n.a	2,490	3,730	n.a	Current amount *
	0.08053	**16,520**	190	n.a	**2,480**	3,730	n.a	**New amount**
NZD - New Zealand dollar		2,436	27	n.a	366	550	n.a	Current amount
	0.52585	**2,529**	**29**	n.a	**380**	**571**	n.a	**New amount**
SEK - Swedish krona		15,990	180	n.a	2,410	3,610	2,410	Current amount
	0.08258	**16,110**	180	n.a	**2,420**	**3,630**	**2,420**	**New amount**
SGD - Singapore dollar		1,995	23	n.a	300	450	300	Current amount
	0.65636	**2,026**	23	n.a	**305**	**457**	**305**	**New amount**
USD - US dollar		1,575	18	118	237	355	237	Current amount **
	0.85523	**1,555**	18	**117**	**234**	**351**	**234**	**New amount**
ZAR - South African rand		27,820	310	n.a	4,180	6,280	n.a	Current amount
	0.04916	**27,050**	310	n.a	**4,070**	**6,100**	n.a	**New amount**

* Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2024.
** Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2024.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2025)

International Searching Authority	**ISA/AT**		**ISA/AU**		**ISA/BR**			**ISA/CA**		
Reference currency & amount	EUR	1,845	AUD	2,200	BRL	2,525	1,685	CAD	2,317.68	
Exchange rates applicable on October 7, 2024	*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*			*Exch. Rate*		
CHF - Swiss franc		1,758		1,287		383 [1]	256 [1]		1,393 [2]	Current amount
	1.06519	**1,732**	*1.72117*	**1,278**	*6.37918*	**396**	**264**	*1.58813*	**1,459**	**New amount**
USD - US dollar		1,974		1,407		450	300		1,631	Current amount
	0.91098	**2,025**	*1.47200*	**1,495**	*5.45566*	**463**	**309**	*1.35822*	**1,706**	**New amount**
EUR - Euro				1,336		408 [1]	272 [1]		1,549	Current amount
			1.61583	**1,362**	*5.98877*	**422**	**281**	*1.49094*	**1,555**	**New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar										Current amount
										New amount
CNY - Yuan renminbi										Current amount
										New amount
DKK - Danish krone										Current amount
										New amount
GBP - Pound sterling										Current amount
										New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint										Current amount
										New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona										Current amount
										New amount
JPY - Japanese yen										Current amount
										New amount
KRW - Korean won		2,713,000		2,037,000						Current amount
	0.00068	2,713,000	*0.00110*	**2,000,000**						**New amount**
NOK - Norwegian krone										Current amount
										New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar				2,357						Current amount
			0.90508	**2,431**						**New amount**
SEK - Swedish krona										Current amount
										New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar		2,671		1,930						Current amount
	0.69915	**2,639**	*1.12971*	**1,947**						**New amount**
TRY - Turkish Lira										Current amount
										New amount
ZAR - South African rand		36,230		26,920						Current amount
	0.05236	**35,240**	*0.08461*	**26,000**						**New amount**

1. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2024.
2. Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2024.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2025)

International Searching Authority	**ISA/CL**				**ISA/CN**		**ISA/EA**			**ISA/EG**		**ISA/EP**		
Reference currency & amount	USD	2,000	400	300	CNY	2,100	RUB	40,000	9,000	EGP	4,000	EUR	1,845	
Exchange rates applicable on October 7, 2024	*Exch. Rate*				*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*			*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		
CHF - Swiss franc		1,689 [3]	338 [3]	253 [3]		263		391	88		70 [4]		1,751	Current amount
	1.16928	**1,710**	**342**	**257**	*8.26173*	**254**	*112.35955*	**356**	**80**	*56.59310*	**71**	*1.06519*	**1,732**	**New amount**
USD - US dollar						288		441	99		84		1,989	Current amount
					7.06568	**297**	*96.09326*	**416**	**94**	*48.40011*	**83**	*0.91098*	**2,025**	**New amount**
EUR - Euro		1,798 [3]	360 [3]	270 [3]		273		406	91		78			Current amount
	1.09772	**1,822**	**364**	**273**	*7.75611*	**271**	*105.48315*	**379**	**85**	*53.12960*	**75**			**New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar														Current amount
														New amount
CNY - Yuan renminbi													14,310 [3]	Current amount
												0.12893	14,310	**New amount**
DKK - Danish krone													13,750	Current amount
												0.13410	**13,760**	**New amount**
GBP - Pound sterling													1,570	Current amount
												1.19180	**1,548**	**New amount**
HUF - Hungarian forint													715,100	Current amount
												0.00248	**744,000**	**New amount**
ISK - Icelandic krona													274,600	Current amount
												0.00673	**274,100**	**New amount**
JPY - Japanese yen													296,600 [4]	Current amount
												0.00615	**300,000**	**New amount**
KRW - Korean won														Current amount
														New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone													20,880	Current amount
												0.08578	**21,510**	**New amount**
NZD - New Zealand dollar													3,253	Current amount
												0.56013	**3,294**	**New amount**
SEK - Swedish krona													20,750	Current amount
												0.08796	**20,980**	**New amount**
SGD - Singapore dollar													2,675	Current amount
												0.69915	**2,639**	**New amount**
TRY - Turkish Lira														Current amount
														New amount
ZAR - South African rand													37,470	Current amount
												0.05236	**35,240**	**New amount**

3. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2024.
4. Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2024.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2025)

International Searching Authority	**ISA/ES**		**ISA/FI**		**ISA/IL**		**ISA/IN**			
Reference currency & amount	EUR	1,845	EUR	1,845	ILS	3,962	INR	10,000	2,500	
Exchange rates applicable on October 7, 2024	*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*			
CHF - Swiss franc		1,751		1,751		964		101 [5]	25 [5]	Current amount
	1.06519	**1,732**	*1.06519*	**1,732**	*4.42850*	**895**	*98.23183*	**102**	25	**New amount**
USD - US dollar		1,989		1,989		1,066		120	30	Current amount
	0.91098	**2,025**	*0.91098*	**2,025**	*3.78739*	**1,046**	*84.01081*	**119**	30	**New amount**
EUR - Euro						974		108 [5]	27 [5]	Current amount
					4.15748	**953**	*92.22004*	108	27	**New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar										Current amount
										New amount
CNY - Yuan renminbi										Current amount
										New amount
DKK - Danish krone										Current amount
										New amount
GBP - Pound sterling										Current amount
										New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint										Current amount
										New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona										Current amount
										New amount
JPY - Japanese yen								18,000	4,500	Current amount
							0.56680	**17,600**	**4,400**	**New amount**
KRW - Korean won										Current amount
										New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone										Current amount
										New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar										Current amount
										New amount
SEK - Swedish krona										Current amount
										New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar										Current amount
										New amount
TRY - Turkish Lira										Current amount
										New amount
ZAR - South African rand										Current amount
										New amount

5. Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2024.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
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International Searching Authority	**ISA/JP**			**ISA/KR**			**ISA/PH**			**ISA/RU**			
Reference currency & amount	JPY	169,000	143,000	KRW	1,200,000	450,000	USD	600	200	RUB	45,000	9,000	
Exchange rates applicable on October 7, 2024	*Exch. Rate*			*Exch. Rate*			*Exch. Rate*			*Exch. Rate*			
CHF - Swiss franc		946	801		804	302		507 [6]	169 [6]		403	81	Current amount
	173.31023	**975**	**825**	*1,562.50000*	**768**	**288**	*1.16928*	**513**	**171**	*112.35955*	**401**	**80**	**New amount**
USD - US dollar		1,173 [7]	992 [7]		879	330					473	95	Current amount
	148.22010	**1,140**	**965**	*1,336.29688*	**898**	**337**				*96.09326*	**468**	**94**	**New amount**
EUR - Euro		1,059 [6]	896 [6]		835	313		539 [6]	180 [6]		429	86	Current amount
	162.70364	**1,039**	**879**	*1,466.87500*	**818**	**307**	*1.09772*	**547**	**182**	*105.48315*	**427**	**85**	**New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar					1,299	487							Current amount
				907.81250	**1,322**	**496**							**New amount**
CNY - Yuan renminbi													Current amount
													New amount
DKK - Danish krone													Current amount
													New amount
GBP - Pound sterling													Current amount
													New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint													Current amount
													New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona													Current amount
													New amount
JPY - Japanese yen													Current amount
													New amount
KRW - Korean won			1,304,000										Current amount
	0.11092		**1,289,000**										**New amount**
NOK - Norwegian krone													Current amount
													New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar					1,473	552							Current amount
				821.64063	**1,460**	**548**							**New amount**
SEK - Swedish krona													Current amount
													New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar		1,454			1,206	452							Current amount
	113.75390	**1,486**		*1,025.56250*	**1,170**	**439**							**New amount**
TRY - Turkish Lira													Current amount
													New amount
ZAR - South African rand													Current amount
													New amount

6. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2024.
7. Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2024.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2025)

International Searching Authority	**ISA/SE**	**ISA/SG**		**ISA/TR**	**ISA/UA**			
Reference currency & amount	SEK eq. 1,845 eur	SGD	2,240	TRY eq. 1,845 eur	EUR	300	100	
Exchange rates applicable on October 7, 2024		*Exch. Rate*			*Exch. Rate*			
CHF - Swiss franc	1,751		1,493	1,751		289	96	Current amount
	1,732	*1.52355*	**1,470**	**1,732**	*1.06519*	**282**	**94**	**New amount**
USD - US dollar	1,989		1,633	1,989		316	105	Current amount
	2,025	*1.30299*	**1,719**	**2,025**	*0.91098*	**329**	**110**	**New amount**
EUR - Euro	1,845		1,550	1,845				Current amount
	1,845	*1.43031*	**1,566**	1,845				**New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar								Current amount
								New amount
CNY - Yuan renminbi								Current amount
								New amount
DKK - Danish krone	13,750							Current amount
	13,760							**New amount**
GBP - Pound sterling								Current amount
								New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint								Current amount
								New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona	274,600							Current amount
	274,100							**New amount**
JPY - Japanese yen			260,200					Current amount
		0.00879	**254,800**					**New amount**
KRW - Korean won			2,218,000					Current amount
		0.00098	**2,286,000**					**New amount**
NOK - Norwegian krone	20,880							Current amount
	21,510							**New amount**
NZD - New Zealand dollar								Current amount
								New amount
SEK - Swedish krona	20,750							Current amount
	20,980							**New amount**
SGD - Singapore dollar								Current amount
								New amount
TRY - Turkish Lira				61,090				Current amount
				69,360				**New amount**
ZAR - South African rand								Current amount
								New amount

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2025)

International Searching Authority	**ISA/US**				**ISA/XN**		**ISA/XV**		
Reference currency & amount	USD	2,180	872	436	DKK	eq. 1,845 eur	EUR	1,845	
Exchange rates applicable on October 7, 2024	*Exch. Rate*						*Exch. Rate*		
CHF - Swiss franc	*1.16928*	1,841 [8] **1,864**	736 [8] **746**	368 [8] **373**		1,751 **1,732**	*1.06519*	1,751 **1,732**	Current amount **New amount**
USD - US dollar						1,989 **2,025**	*0.91098*	1,989 **2,025**	Current amount **New amount**
EUR - Euro	*1.09772*	1,960 [8] **1,986**	784 [8] **794**	392 [8] **397**		1,845 1,845			Current amount **New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar									Current amount **New amount**
CNY - Yuan renminbi									Current amount **New amount**
DKK - Danish krone						13,750 **13,760**			Current amount **New amount**
GBP - Pound sterling									Current amount **New amount**
HUF - Hungarian forint							*0.00248*	715,100 **744,000**	Current amount **New amount**
ISK - Icelandic krona						274,600 **274,100**			Current amount **New amount**
JPY - Japanese yen									Current amount **New amount**
KRW - Korean won									Current amount **New amount**
NOK - Norwegian krone						20,880 **21,510**			Current amount **New amount**
NZD - New Zealand dollar	*0.61486*	3,652 **3,546**	1,461 **1,418**	730 **709**					Current amount **New amount**
SEK - Swedish krona						20,750 **20,980**			Current amount **New amount**
SGD - Singapore dollar									Current amount **New amount**
TRY - Turkish Lira									Current amount **New amount**
ZAR - South African rand	*0.05750*	39,000 [9] **37,910**	15,600 [9] **15,170**	7,800 [9] **7,580**					Current amount **New amount**

8. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2024.
9. Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2024.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2025)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	**ISA/AT**				**ISA/EP**		**ISA/FI**		**ISA/RU**		
Reference currency & Amount	EUR	850 [1]	1,190 [2]	1,700 [3]	EUR	1,845	EUR	1,845	RUB	12,000	19,000 [4]
Exchange rate applicable on October 7, 2024	*Exch. Rate*				*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		
CHF - Swiss franc	*1.06519*	**798**	**1,117**	**1,596**	*1.06519*	**1,732**	*1.06519*	**1,732**	*112.35955*	**107**	**169**

1. For a search of the German-language documentation.
2. For a search of the European or North American documentation.
3. For a search of only the PCT minimum documentation.
4. This fee 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).

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2025)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	**ISA/SE**		**ISA/SG**		**ISA/TR**			**ISA/UA**				
Reference currency & Amount	SEK	eq. 1,845 eur	SGD	2,240	TRY	500 [5]	eq. 1,845 eur	EUR	60 [6]	70 [7]	90 [8]	90 [9]
Exchange rate applicable on October 7, 2024			*Exch. Rate*					*Exch. Rate*				
CHF - Swiss franc		**1,732**	*1.52355*	**1,470**		**12**	**1,732**	*1.06519*	**56**	**66**	**84**	**84**

5. For a search of only the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority.
6. This fee 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).
7. For a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation.
8. For a search of only the European and North American documentation.
9. For a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2025)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	**ISA/XN**			**ISA/XV**		
Reference currency & Amount	DKK	4000 [10]	eq. 1,845 eur	EUR	550 [11]	1,775
Exchange rate applicable on October 7, 2024 CHF - Swiss franc		**503**	**1,732**	*Exch. Rate* *1.06519*	**516**	**1,666**

10. For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.
11. For a search of only the documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

SA Saudi Arabia

Further to the notification by the **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** that the Agreement between the Office and the International Bureau will enter into force on 15 December 2024 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 31 October 2024, pages 179 *et seq.*), information on the requirements of the Office functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, with effect from 15 December 2024, is given in Annexes D(SA) and E(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* respectively, as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau that, due to inclement weather conditions, it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from Wednesday, 23 to Friday, 25 October 2024.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on the next working day, Monday, 28 October 2024.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

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

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Annex D - International Searching Authority

International Searching Authority competent for the following Receiving Offices:
SA

Fees payable to the ISA:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):
This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it.

228 CHF
243 EUR
1,000 SAR
267 USD

Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):
This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

1,000 SAR

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):

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How to obtain copies:

The applicant receives, together with the international search report, a copy of each document cited in the report, free of charge. designated (elected) offices also receive a first set of copies, upon request, free of charge.

Additional copies are available to applicants and designated (elected) offices by e-mail at: pct@saip.gov.sa

Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1*ter*):

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Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):

400 SAR

Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1(c)):

100 SAR

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Annex D - International Searching Authority (*Cont'd*)

Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:

Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded

Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search:
refund of 100%

Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search:
refund of 25 to 75%, depending on the extent to which the Authority benefits from the earlier search

Languages accepted for international search:

Arabic, English

Types of physical media accepted for the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings:

None. Physical media are not accepted. Sequence listings must be filed in electronic form (refer to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, Annex C)

Subject matter that will not be searched:

The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1, with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Saudi Arabian Patent Law

Waiver of power of attorney:

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

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

No

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

No

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Annex E - International Preliminary Examining Authority

International Preliminary Examining Authority competent for the following Receiving Offices:
SA

Fees payable to the IPEA:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):
This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.
600 SAR

Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):
This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.
600 SAR

Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1):
This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (refer to Annex C(IB)).
237 USD

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):
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How to obtain copies:
The applicant receives, together with the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each additional document not cited in the international search report, free of charge.
Additional copies are available to applicants and elected Offices by e-mail at: pct@saip.gov.sa

Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):
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Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):
400 SAR

Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.2):
100 SAR

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Annex E - International Preliminary Examining Authority (*Cont'd*)

Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:

Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.

In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3:
refund of 100%

If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination:
refund of 100%

Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:

Arabic, English

Subject matter that will not be examined:

The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1, with the exception of any subject matter examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Saudi Arabian Patent Law

Are there any restrictions with regard to the competence of the Authority acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority?

No

Waiver of power of attorney:

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

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

No

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

No

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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FIFTY-SIXTH (32ND EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

At its fifty-sixth (32nd extraordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 9 to 17 July 2024 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union):

– adopted amendments to the PCT Regulations;

– decided, having reviewed the criteria set out in item 5 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, that those criteria be maintained and reviewed again by the Assembly in five years' time, as required by that Schedule; and

– adopted modifications to the Directives for Updating the Lists of States Meeting the Criteria for Reduction of Certain PCT Fees. [1]

Documents prepared for the PCT Assembly, which give detailed background information relating to the decisions taken, as well as the session report, are available on the WIPO website at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=81262

The aforementioned changes are outlined below.

Amendments to the Regulations under the PCT

The following amendments to the PCT Regulations were adopted by the PCT Assembly:

The amendments that will enter into force on 1 July 2025 concern the following PCT Rules:

– Amendments to PCT Rule 26 relate to international applications for which the abstract or text matter of the drawings is filed in a different language from the language of the description and claims. The amendments will allow the receiving Office to invite the applicant to furnish a translation of the abstract or text matter of the drawings into the language of publication under broader circumstances to ensure that the international application is published in a single language;

– Amendments to PCT Rule 89*bis* will allow an Office, other than the International Bureau, to require international applications or subsequently-filed documents to be submitted in electronic form only, or to require that any document submitted on paper is submitted again in electronic form within two months; and

[1] As adopted by the Assembly of the PCT Union at its forty-sixth (27th extraordinary) session and published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 February 2015 (page 33).

– Amendments to PCT Rule 92 will allow the International Bureau to correspond with applicants or Offices in any of the 10 languages of international publication for certain communications to be set out in future Administrative Instructions, instead of in either English or French only.

The amendments that will enter into force on 1 January 2026 are as follows:

– Amendments to PCT Rules 33 and 64 will broaden the definition of relevant prior art for international search and preliminary examination to include non-written disclosures.

The text of the amended Rules is reproduced hereafter.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 July 2025)

Rule 26
Checking by, and Correcting before, the Receiving Office of Certain Elements of the International Application

26.1 to 26.3*bis* [No change]

26.3*ter* *Invitation to Correct Defects under Article 3(4)(i)*

(a) Where the abstract or any text matter of the drawings is filed in a language which is different from the language, subject to Rules 12.1*bis* and 26.3*ter*(e), of the description and the claims, the receiving Office shall, unless

(i) a translation of the international application is required under Rule 12.3(a) into the language in which the international application is to be published, or

(ii) the abstract or the text matter of the drawings is in the language in which the international application is to be published,

invite the applicant to furnish a translation of the abstract or the text matter of the drawings into the language in which the international application is to be published. Rules 26.1, 26.2, 26.3, 26.3*bis*, 26.5 and 29.1 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

(b) to (e) [No change]

Rule 89*bis*
Filing, Processing and Communication of International Applications and Other Documents in Electronic Form or by Electronic Means

89*bis*.1 *International Applications*

(a) International applications may, subject to paragraphs (b) to (e), be filed and processed in electronic form or by electronic means, in accordance with the Administrative Instructions.

(b) to (d) [No change]

(d-*bis*) A national Office or intergovernmental organization, other than the International Bureau, that has made a notification under paragraph (d) may notify the International Bureau that it will only receive international applications if they are filed in electronic form or by electronic means. The International Bureau shall publish a notification made under this paragraph in the Gazette.

(d-*ter*) A national Office or intergovernmental organization that has made a notification under paragraph (d) but not paragraph (d-*bis*) may notify the International Bureau that any application filed on paper must be resubmitted by electronic means within two months from the date of an invitation by such Office or organization. If corresponding documents are not timely received, the international application shall be considered withdrawn and the receiving Office shall so declare. The International Bureau shall publish a notification made under this paragraph in the Gazette.

(e) [No change]

89*bis*.2 *Other Documents*

Rule 89*bis*.1 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to other documents and correspondence relating to international applications, provided that, where a national Office or intergovernmental organization has made a notification under Rule 89*bis*.1(d-*ter*), any such documents or correspondence filed on paper and not resubmitted by electronic means within two months from the date of a corresponding invitation shall be disregarded.

89*bis*.3 [No change]

Rule 92
Correspondence

92.1 [No change]

92.2 *Languages*

(a) to (d) [No change]

(e) Any letter or notification from the International Bureau to the applicant or to any national Office shall be in English, French or any other language of publication as may be permitted by the Administrative Instructions.

92.3 and 92.4 [No change]

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 January 2026)

Rule 33
Relevant Prior Art for the International Search

33.1 *Relevant Prior Art for the International Search*

(a) For the purposes of Article 15(2), relevant prior art shall consist of everything which has been made available to the public anywhere in the world by any means which is capable of being of assistance in determining that the claimed invention is or is not new and that it does or does not involve an inventive step (i.e., that it is or is not obvious), provided that the making available to the public occurred prior to the international filing date.

(b) and (c) [No change]

33.2 and 33.3 [No change]

Rule 64
Relevant Prior Art for the International Preliminary Examination

64.1 *Prior Art*

(a) For the purposes of Article 33(2) and (3), everything made available to the public anywhere in the world by any means shall be considered prior art provided that such making available occurred prior to the relevant date.

(b) [No change]

64.2 *Non-Written Disclosures*

In cases where the making available to the public occurred by means of an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other non-written means (“non-written disclosure”) before the relevant date as defined in Rule 64.1(b) and the date of such non-written disclosure is indicated in a written disclosure which has been made available to the public on a date which is the same as, or later than, the relevant date, the international preliminary examination report shall call attention to such non-written disclosure in the manner provided for in Rule 70.9.

64.3 [No change]

Modification of Directives for Updating the Lists of States Meeting the Criteria for Reduction of Certain PCT Fees

The Assembly of the PCT Union adopted modifications to the Directives to refer to the session of the Assembly that is part of the annual series of meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO instead of a specific time during the year. The text is reproduced hereafter.

DIRECTIVES FOR UPDATING THE LISTS OF STATES MEETING THE CRITERIA FOR REDUCTION OF CERTAIN PCT FEES

The Assembly establishes in the following terms the directives referred to in the Schedule of Fees, it being understood that, in the light of experience, the Assembly may at any time modify these directives:

1. Five years after the establishment of the first list of States which meet the criteria referred to in items 5(a) and (b) of the Schedule of Fees, and every five years thereafter, the Director General shall prepare draft lists of States which appear to meet the criteria referred to in:

(i) item 5(a) of the Schedule of Fees according to the most recent 10-year average per capita gross domestic product figures from the United Nations and according to the most recent five-year average yearly PCT filing figures by the International Bureau, respectively, published at least two weeks prior to the first day of the session of the Assembly of that year that is part of the annual series of meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO;

(ii) item 5(b) of the Schedule of Fees according to the most recent list of countries classified as least developed countries by the United Nations published at least two weeks prior to the first day of the session of the Assembly referred to in paragraph (i), above;

and shall make those lists available to the PCT Contracting States and States entitled to observer status in the Assembly for comment before the end of that session of the Assembly.

2. Following the end of that session of the Assembly, the Director General shall establish new lists, taking into account any comments received. The revised lists shall become applicable on the first day of the calendar year subsequent to that session and shall be used to determine, in accordance with Rules 15.3, 45*bis*.2(c) and 57.3(d), the eligibility for the fee reduction under items 5(a) and (b), respectively, of the Schedule of Fees of any relevant fee payable. Any revised list shall be published in the Gazette.

3. Where any State is not included in a particular list but subsequently becomes eligible for inclusion in that list due to the publication, after the expiration of the period of two weeks prior to the first day of the session of the Assembly referred to in paragraph 1, above, of revised per capita gross domestic product figures by the United Nations or revised PCT filing figures by the International Bureau, or of a revised list of States that are being classified as least developed countries by the United Nations, that State may request the Director General to revise the relevant list of States so as to include that State in the relevant list. Any such revised list shall become applicable on a date to be specified by the Director General, that date being no more than three months from the date of receipt of the request. Any revised list shall be published in the Gazette.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IB International Bureau of WIPO

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established, with effect from 1 January 2025, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR 107	USD 117
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 53	USD 58
Supplement for airmail:	EUR 11	USD [No change]

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

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has notified the International Bureau that the Office will accept **Saudi riyal (SAR)**, instead of **US dollar (USD)**, as the prescribed currency for the payment of the international filing fee to it in its capacity as receiving Office (PCT Rule 15.2(b)) and for the payment of the handling fee to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority (PCT Rule 57.2(b)), with effect from 15 December 2024.

Consequently, new equivalent amounts in **Saudi riyals (SAR)** 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 new amounts, applicable from 15 December 2024, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SAR	5,619
Fee per sheet in excess of 30 sheets:	SAR	63
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	SAR	845
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	SAR	1,267
Handling fee:	SAR	845

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

DE Germany

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **German Patent and Trade Mark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 19 May 2022 (pages 132 *et seq.*) and 18 August 2022 (page 225).

Consequently, with effect from 1 January 2025, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notifications:

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

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

– WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (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)):

For the DPMAdirektPro filing software:

– online filing (according to OSCI protocol, see www.osci.de)

ePCT-Filing

Physical media (CD-R, CD-RW, DVD-R, DVD+R, DVD+RW, DVD-RW)

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

For DPMAdirektPro filing software

– OSCI WASP (www.osci.de)

For ePCT-Filing:

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

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

– DPMAdirektPro software

– ePCT-Filing

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

Basic signatures acceptable in the request:

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

Electronic signature for signing applicant package using DPMAdirektPro filing software:

– qualified electronic signature, as defined by paragraph 3, item 3 of the Ordinance on Electronic Legal Transactions with the German Patent and Trade Mark Office of 1 November 2013.

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)). It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the above mentioned means of transmittal or document packaging that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates, applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic or certain missing files are notified to the applicant by issuing an error report. 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. Online payment in this sense refers to payment systems provided within the filing software environment itself and does not cover general e-banking services. Only the methods of payment allowed by Section 1 of the Ordinance on Payment of Costs of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office and of the Federal Patent Court are available.

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

General customer help desk:

– by telephone at +49 89 2195 1000 (available between 8 am and 4 pm Monday through Thursday and 8 am to 2 pm Friday, Central European Time (CET))

– by email at info@dpma.de

Technical help for DPMAdirektPro

– by email at DPMAdirekt@dpma.de

General information about DPMAdirektPro is available at
https://www.dpma.de/english/services/efiling/index.html

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 not accept the filing of documents in pre-conversion format.

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)):

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (https://www.dpma.de/english/index.html).

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)):

Signatures accepted by DPMA are defined in paragraph 3 of the Ordinance on Electronic Legal Transactions with the German Patent and Trade Mark Office of 1 November 2013. Possible providers of signature cards can be searched via Trusted List Browser (URL: https://esignature.ec.europa.eu/efda/tl-browser/#/screen/home). Please note that the search has to be limited to German providers.

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

File inspection of published documents is possible via the online register https://register.dpma.de/DPMAregister/Uebersicht?lang=en.
International applications filed via ePCT can also be accessed with the ePCT system.

[Updating of Annex C(DE) 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:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

DE Germany

In accordance with paragraph 10 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS as a depositing Office with effect from 25 November 2024.[2]

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

[2] For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/en/web/das/participating_offices/search-details?territoryId=45

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization [1] – Amendments to Annex D

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** 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 take effect on 19 January 2025, consist of changes in the amounts of several fees payable to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in its capacity as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority.

With effect from 19 January 2025, 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 (United States dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,400[2]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,400[2]
Preparation of an international-type search report on a United States national application	43
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– where the international search fee has been paid on the international application to the Authority	705[2]
– where the international search was carried out by another Authority	880[2]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	705[2]

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-us.pdf

[2] This fee is reduced by 60% in the case of filing by a "small entity" and by 80% in the case of filing by a "micro entity". For further details on the entitlement to and the establishment of "small entity" status, see www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/s509.html#d0e30961 and 37 CFR 1.27 at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf

For further details on the entitlement to and the establishment of "micro entity" status, see www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/s509.html#ch500_d1ff69_210b3_1ca and 37 CFR 1.29 at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf

These details shall be subject to change by the Authority at its discretion.

Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13*ter*.1(c) and 13*ter*.2))	345[3]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3 and 71.2)[4]	
– US patent, per copy	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1*ter* and 94.2)	
– US patent, per copy	[No change]
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Part II. [No change]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its location and mailing address, and to its Internet address, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Mangilik Yel Avenue 57A 010000 Astana Kazakhstan
Internet:	http://www.qazpatent.kz http://www.adilet.gov.kz

In addition, the Office notified that it now sends notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications.

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

[3] Refer to footnote 2 above.

[4] The applicant receives, together with the international search report, a copy of each cited document that is not a US patent document or a published international application. The applicant receives, together with the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each cited document not cited in the international search report that is not a US patent document or a published international application. Electronic copies of these documents may be viewed at the USPTO's website (www.uspto.gov/patents-application-process/search-patents) and printed for free. Copies can also be purchased online or obtained from the USPTO Office of Public Records.

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 from 1 January 2025, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	BYN	102.9
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	BYN	210

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

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several fees, payable in **US dollars (USD)** to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority, from 19 January 2025, as follows:

			Small entity	*Micro entity*
Search fee[5] (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	USD	2,400	960	480
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	USD	2,400	960	480
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1*ter*):				
- Non-US patent document, per copy:	USD	27	27	27
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1(c)):	USD	345	138	69

[5] The amounts of these fees change periodically. The United States Patent and Trademark Office or the current USPTO Fee Schedule at: www.uspto.gov/about/offices/cfo/finance/fees.jsp should be consulted for the applicable amounts.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)**, **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee[6] for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, also applicable from 19 January 2025, as follows:

			Small entity	*Micro entity*
Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	CHF	2,137	855	427
	EUR	2,290	916	458
	NZD	4,104	1,642	821
	ZAR	43,370	17,350	8,670

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

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of several fees in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, also applicable from 19 January 2025, as follows:

			Small entity	*Micro entity*
Preliminary examination fee[7, 8] (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	USD	705	282	141
	(USD	880	352	176)
Additional preliminary examination fee[9] (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	USD	705	282	141
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):				
- Non-US patent document, per copy:	USD	27	27	27
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.2):	USD	345	138	69

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

6 Refer to footnote 2 above.

7 The amounts of these fees change periodically. The United States Patent and Trademark Office or the current USPTO Fee Schedule at: www.uspto.gov/about/offices/cfo/finance/fees.jsp should be consulted for the applicable amounts.

8 The amounts in parentheses are payable when the international search was not carried out by the USPTO.

9 This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

RECEIVING OFFICES

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** 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.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office in its capacity as receiving Office - any natural person resident in Kazakhstan may now act as such.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of components of the national fee,[10], [11] in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office and applicable from 1 January 2025, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:	BYN	102.9
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	44.1
Examination fee:	BYN	499.8
Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	294
Annual fee for the third year:	BYN	102.9

For utility model:

Filing fee:	BYN	205.8
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	102.9

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

[11] 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.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change to its conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fees – with effect from 1 January 2025, the examination fee is reduced by 50% where an international search report or an international preliminary examination report has been established and submitted to the Office.

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

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the names of components of the national fee as well as the percentage amount of the surcharge to be paid for a patent and utility model payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The new text for these changes is as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee and fee for formal examination:	KZT 20,320.16 (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.)
Fee for substantive examination:	KZT 66,959.20
Annual fees for the first three years:	KZT 20,320.16 per year

For utility model:

Filing fee:	KZT 16,450.56 (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.)

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY A RECEIVING OFFICE AND INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and in accordance with Sections 703, 710(b) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, 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 of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 18 March 2021, pages 51 *et seq.* (as modified in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 30 June 2022, pages 165 *et seq*., 18 August 2022, page 225 and 19 May 2023, pages 117 *et seq*.).

In particular, as from 1 January 2025, the EPO will no longer provide for and thus accept the filing of international applications and other documents and correspondence relating to international applications using EPO Web-Form Filing.

From 1 January 2025, the means available for filing international applications and other documents and correspondence relating to international applications in electronic form with the EPO will be: EPO Online Filing, ePCT-Filing, EPO Online Filing 2.0 (with integrated ePCT-Filing) and the EPO Contingency Upload Service.

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

EXCUSE OF DELAY UNDER PCT RULE 82*quater*.1: NOTIFICATION BY AN OFFICE, AUTHORITY OR THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU UNDER PCT RULE 82*quater*.1(d)

ES Spain

Pursuant to the Royal Decree-Law 6/2024 of 5 November 2024 concerning natural calamity in various municipalities of Spain, and in accordance with PCT Rule 82*quater*.1(d), the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** 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, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, between 28 October and 4 November 2024, is not met by an interested party having its domicile or registered office in one of the municipalities included in the Annex to Royal Decree-Law 6/2024, of 5 November 2024 (refer to: https://www.boe.es/buscar/act.php?id=BOE-A-2024-22928).

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: COMMON TIMETABLE FOR FEE LISTS AND FEE TRANSFERS

Since 1 July 2020, any PCT receiving Office ("RO"), International Searching Authority ("ISA"), Authority specified for supplementary international search ("SISA"), or International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") may participate, as a "participating Office", in the exchange of PCT fees from one Office (the "collecting Office") to another (the "beneficiary Office") via the International Bureau ("IB") for PCT purposes (the "WIPO Fee Transfer Service"), pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2 and in accordance with the provisions set out in Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

Common Timetable for Fee Lists and Fee Transfers

Following consultations with participating Offices, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.2, paragraph 8 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, a common timetable has been established for the year 2025, specifying the latest dates, each month, by which a participating Collecting Office shall establish and transmit fee transfer information to the International Bureau; and by which the lists of fees to be transferred, and the amounts of fees indicated in said lists, shall be established and transmitted to, and from, the International Bureau.

The common timetable established for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2025 is as follows:

Cycle	Calendar month (2024)	PCT Fee Transfer Service Month (Invoice Period)	Fee Transfer Service	Last date for documentation notification to IB (12h00 CET)	Receiving Office payment cut-off value date	PCT Fee Transfer Service Statement Reports	PCT Fee Transfer Service Settlement Date
1	January	Dec. 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday, 22-Jan-2025	Thursday 23-Jan-2025	Tuesday 28-Jan-2025	Friday 31-Jan-2025
2	February	Jan. 2025	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 19-Feb-2025	Thursday 20-Feb-2025	Tuesday 25-Feb-2025	Friday 28-Feb-2025
3	March	Feb. 2025	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 20-Mar-2025	Friday 21-Mar-2025	Wednesday 26-Mar-2025	Friday 28-Mar-2025
4	April	Mar. 2025	PCT/ISA fee	Tuesday 22-Apr-2025	Wednesday 23-Apr-2025	Monday 28-Apr-2025	Tuesday 29-Apr-2025
5	May	Apr. 2025	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 21-May-2025	Thursday 22-May-2025	Monday 26-May-2025	Tuesday 27-May-2025
6	June	May 2025	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 19-Jun-2025	Friday 20-Jun-2025	Wednesday 25-Jun-2025	Friday 27-Jun-2025
7	July	June 2025	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 23-Jul-2025	Thursday 24-Jul-2025	Monday 28-Jul-2025	Wednesday 30-Jul-2025
8	August	July 2025	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 20-Aug-2025	Thursday 21-Aug-2025	Tuesday 26-Aug-2025	Friday 29-Aug-2025
9	September	Aug. 2025	PCT/ISA fee	Tuesday 23-Sep-2025	Wednesday 24-Sep-2025	Monday 29-Sep-2025	Tuesday 30-Sep-2025

10	October	Sept. 2025	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 22-Oct-2025	Thursday 23-Oct-2025	Tuesday 28-Oct-2025	Friday 31-Oct-2025
11	November	Oct. 2025	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 20-Nov-2025	Friday 21-Nov-2025	Wednesday 26-Nov-2025	Friday 28-Nov-2025
12	December	Nov. 2025	PCT/ISA fee	Friday 12-Dec-2025	Monday 15-Dec-2025	Thursday 18-Dec-2025	Monday 22-Dec-2025

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KG Kyrgyzstan

The **State Agency of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzpatent)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its Internet address, as follows:

Internet: http://patent.gov.kg

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2025, are USD 277 for international applications filed online and USD 415 for international applications filed on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) 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, applicable from 1 January 2025 in **Israeli new shekels (ILS)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	ILS	640

[Updating of Annex C(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, applicable from 1 February 2025, is ILS 812.

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

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Serbian dinars (RSD)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. These new amounts, applicable since 1 August 2024, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):[1]		RSD	9,920	
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):[1]		RSD	2,380	for the first document up to 10 pages
	plus	RSD	590	for each subsequent document up to 10 pages
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):[1]		RSD	3,990	

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

UA Ukraine

The **State Organization "Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations" (UANIPIO)** has notified the International Bureau that, since 25 October 2024, the Office accepts English and Ukrainian as languages in which international applications may be filed (PCT Rule 12.1(a)), and English as the language in which the request may be filed (PCT Rule 12.1(c)).

The Office has also notified 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, also with effect since 25 October 2024.

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

[1] This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

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 from 1 January 2025, is ILS 2,344.[2]

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

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of various components of its national fee, in **Serbian dinars (RSD)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable since 1 August 2024, are as follows:

Fee for reinstatement of rights:[3]	RSD	4,960
For patent:		
Filing fee:[3]	RSD	9,920
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:[3]	RSD	970
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	plus 50% of the filing fee	
Examination fee:[3]	RSD	9,920
Annual fee for the first three years:[3]	RSD	13,910
For petty patent:		
Filing fee:[3]	RSD	9,920
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	plus 50% of the filing fee	

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

[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.

[3] This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

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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 2023.

With effect from 1 March 2023, 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 (Israel new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,820
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,820
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,637
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,637
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13*ter*.1(c) and 13*ter*.2)	491
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1*ter* and 94.2), per document	47

Part II. [No change]

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2023, is CAD 315.77.

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

CL Chile

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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2023, are as follows:

Search fee:	EUR 1,894
Reduced search fee for natural persons and legal entities:	EUR 379 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States that benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion.)
Reduced search fee for universities:	EUR 284 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee.)

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

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for priority document, in **new Israel shekels (ILS)**, applicable from 1 March 2023 and payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ILS	94

[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 **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 March 2023, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	3,820
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	3,820
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1(c)):	ILS	491
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 94.1*ter*), per document:	ILS	47

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

In addition, the Office also notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and applicable from 1 March 2023, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	ILS	1,637
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	ILS	1,637
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.2):	ILS	491
Cost of copies (Rules 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document:	ILS	47

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

PH Philippines

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 **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2023, are EUR 947 or EUR 379 (the latter applies where the applicant is a small entity).[2]

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

UA Ukraine

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 **National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise "Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)"**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2023, are USD 106 for searches carried out in Ukrainian or Russian, and USD 317 for searches carried out in English, French or German.

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

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees for small and micro entities only, in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 29 December 2022, are as follows:

		Small entity	*Micro entity*
Transmittal fee[3] (PCT Rule 14):	USD	104	52
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	USD	840	420

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

[2] A small entity refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

[3] In addition, there is a non-electronic filing fee applicable to international applications filed other than by the Office electronic filing system (EFS) of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small or micro entities, USD 200.

Furthermore, the Office notified changes to several components of the national fee for small and micro entities only, in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes have been applicable since 29 December 2022. The list of the said components is as follows:

		Small entity	*Micro entity*
Basic national fee: [4]	USD	128	64
Search fee:[5]			
– IPRP prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4):		[No change]	
– International search fee paid to the USPTO as ISA:	USD	56	28
– Search report has been prepared by an ISA other than the US and is provided or has been previously communicated by the IB to the USPTO:	USD	216	108
– All other situations:	USD	280	140
Examination fee:[5]			
– IPRP prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4):		[No change]	
– All other situations:	USD	320	160

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

[5] If not paid with the basic national fee, the USPTO will invite the applicant to pay the fee within a time period fixed in the invitation.

		Small entity	*Micro entity*
For every 50 sheets or fraction thereof of the specification and drawings that exceeds 100 sheets (excluding any sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium):[6]	USD	168	84
Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of three:[6]	USD	192	96
Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20:[6]	USD	40	20
In addition, if the application contains one or more multiple dependent claims, per application:[6]	USD	344	172
Surcharge for paying any of the search fee, the examination fee, or filing the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage:[6]	USD	64	32
Processing fee for filing English-language translation after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1):[6]	USD	56	28
Mega-Sequence Listing filing fee:			
– submission of sequence listing of 300 MB to 800 MB:	USD	424	212
– submission of sequence listing of more than 800 MB:	USD	4,200	2,100

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

[6] If not paid with the basic national fee, the USPTO will invite the applicant to pay the fee within a time period fixed in the invitation.

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

OA African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)

The **African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to 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 February 2023, 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 XML (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: (+237-2) 220 39 11, (+237-2) 220 57 00

– by e-mail at: oapi@oapi.int

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 (www.oapi.int)

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 (https://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(OA) of the PCT Applicant's Guide]

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: FEE TRANSFERS THAT WERE PART OF THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES, AND COMMON TIMETABLE FOR FEE LISTS AND FEE TRANSFERS

Pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2, an Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service (a "participating Office")[7] as a "collecting Office" may transfer the following fees and related differences to another Office (the "beneficiary Office") via the International Bureau, for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT:

– **international filing fee** (Rule 15.2(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office ("RO") for the benefit of the International Bureau ("IB");
– **search fee** (Rule 16.1(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority ("ISA");
– **supplementary search fee** (Rule 45*bis*.3(b)) collected by the International Bureau for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an Authority specified for supplementary search ("SISA");
– **handling fee** (Rule 57.2(c) or (d)) collected by an International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") for the benefit of the International Bureau; and
– **differences relating to the search fee** (Rule 16.1(e)) received by an Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority in a currency other than its fixed currency.[8]

Furthermore, pursuant to Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 3, the transfer of the above fees and differences, from the collecting Office to the International Bureau for the further transfer to the beneficiary Office, is considered to be the transfer of said fees in accordance with the applicable Rule, and is not considered to be a payment by the collecting Office to a third party.

[7] A participating Office may refer to any PCT receiving Office ("RO"), International Searching Authority ("ISA"), Authority specified for supplementary international search ("SISA"), or International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA").

[8] Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

List of PCT Fee Transfers that are Part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service

In accordance with Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 7 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the list of the PCT fee transfers that were part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for each participating Office[9] as of **31 December 2022** (inclusive), is as follows:

	PCT Fee Transfers				
	International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, SE	n/a	n/a	n/a
AT Austrian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/AP, BR, CO, CU, DZ, EG, GE, IB, IN, JO, KE, KR, MA, MX, OA, OM, PE, SG, SY, TT, UG, VN, ZA	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in EUR, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/AT* (BH, DJ, GH, KP, LR, LS, LY, ZM, ZW)

[9] Rows relating to participating Offices having an agreement with the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the *Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)* are identified by light grey shading.

PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	**International Filing Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
AU Australian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/KR as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB, ID, IN, JO, KE, KR, MY, NZ, OM, SG, US, VN, ZA	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in AUD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/AU* (BN, GH, IQ, LR, PG, TH, ZW)
AZ Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EA, EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
BG Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
BR National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, SE, US as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/CO, CU, IB, PA, PE	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in CHF, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/BR* (CV)

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
BY National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EA, EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
CA Canadian Intellectual Property Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: (n/a) as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB, SA	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in CAD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/CA* (BZ, IQ)
CH Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
CL National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, ES, KR, US as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/CO, CR, CU, DO, EC, IB, MX. PA, PE, TT	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in USD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/CL* (SV)

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
CN China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)	Collecting RO	as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB, IN, IR, KE	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in CNY, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/CN* (GH, KH, KP, LR, TH, ZW)
CO Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, BR, CL, EP, ES, KR, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
CR Registry of Intellectual Property (Costa Rica)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/CL, EP, ES	n/a	n/a	n/a
CU Cuban Industrial Property Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, BR, CL EP, ES, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
CZ Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
DE German Patent and Trade Mark Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
DK Danish Patent and Trademark Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, SE, XN	n/a	n/a	n/a
DO National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/CL, EP, ES, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
DZ Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
EA Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, RU as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/AZ, BY, IB, RU	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in RUB, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/EA* (AM, KG, TJ)

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
EC National Service of Intellectual Rights (SENADI) (Ecuador)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/CL, EP, ES	n/a	n/a	n/a
EE Estonian Patent Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
EG Egyptian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, US as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB, OM, QA, SA, SD, SY	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in EGP, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/EG* (DJ, IQ)

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
EP European Patent Office (EPO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: n/a as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/AP, AT, AZ, BG, BR, BY, CH, CL, CN, CO, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DO, DZ, EA, EC, EE, EG, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, GR, HR, HU, IB, ID, IE, IL, IN, IR, IS, IT, JO, JP, KE, KZ, LV, MA, MD, MX, MY, NI, NL, NO, NZ, OA, OM, PA, PE, PH, PL, PT, QA, RO, RS, RU, SA, SD, SE, SG, SI, SK, SY, TN, TR, TT, UG, US, VN, ZA	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in EUR, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/EP* (AL, AM, BA. BH, BN, BW, BZ, CV, CY, DJ, GH, HN, IQ, KG, KH, KN, LR, LS, LT, LU, LY, MK, MN, MT, MW, RW, SC, SV, TH, TJ, TM, UA, UZ, WS, ZW)
ES Spanish Patent and Trademark Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/CL, CO, CR, CU, DO, EC, IB, MX, NI, PA, PE	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in EGP, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/ES* (HN, SV)

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
FI Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, SE as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: n/a *(specified only by participant RO/FI)*
FR National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
GB Intellectual Property Office[10] (United Kingdom)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
GE National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)	*(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, IL, RU, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
GR Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
HR State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

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

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
HU Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
IB International Bureau of WIPO (as Receiving Office)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for all participating ISAs, from applicants filing through* RO/IB	n/a	n/a	n/a
ID Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AU, EP, JP, KR, RU, SG	n/a	n/a	n/a
IE Intellectual Property Office of Ireland	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
IL Israel Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, US as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/GE, IB, US	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in USD*

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
IN Indian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, CN, EP, JP, SE, US as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB, IR, JP	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in INR*
IR Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran**)**	Collecting RO	Collecting RO *collecting search fees for* ISA/CN, EP, IN, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
IS Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, SE, XN	n/a	n/a	n/a
IT Italian Patent and Trademark Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
JO Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)	*(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, EP, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
JP Japan Patent Office (JPO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, IN, SG as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB, ID, IN, KR, MY, PH, SA, SG, US, VN	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in JPY, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/JP* (BN, KH, TH)
KE Kenya Industrial Property Institute	*(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, CN, EP, SE	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
KR Korean Intellectual Property Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collects search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, JP, SG as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/AU, CL, CO, IB, ID, MX, MY, NZ, PE, PH, SA, SG, US, VN	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in KRW, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/KR* (BN, CV, KH, MN, TH)
KZ National Institute Of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
LV Latvian Patent Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: collects search fees for ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
MA Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, RU, SE	n/a	n/a	n/a
MD State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
MX Mexican Institute of Industrial Property	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, CL, EP, ES, KR, SE, SG, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
MY Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AU, EP, JP, KR	n/a	n/a	n/a
NI Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, ES	n/a	n/a	n/a
NL Netherlands Patent Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
NO Norwegian Industrial Property Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, SE, XN	n/a	n/a	n/a
NZ Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AU, EP, KR, US	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
OA African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, RU, SE	n/a	n/a	n/a
OM Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, EG, EP, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
PA Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/BR, CL, EP, ES, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
PE National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, BR, CL, EP, ES, KR, US	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
PH Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AU, EP, JP, KR, US as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: n/a *(specified only by participant RO/PH)*
PL Patent Office of the Republic of Poland	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
PT National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
QA Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EG, EP, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
RO State Office For Inventions And Trademarks (Romania)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
RS Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
RU Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EA, EP as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/AZ, BG, BY, CO, CU, EA, GE, IB, ID, IR, KZ, MA, MD, OA, RO, SA, SY, VN	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in RUB, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/RU* (AM, KG, KP, MN, TJ, TM, UZ, ZW)
SA Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/CA, EG. EP, JP, KR, RU, SG, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
SD Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department (Sudan)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EG, EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
SE Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, XN as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/AP, BR, DK, FI, IB, IN, IS, KE, MA, MX, NO, OA, TT, VN	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in SEK, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/SE* (GH, LR, ZM)
SG Intellectual Property Office of Singapore	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, EP, JP, KR as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB, ID, JP, KR, MX, SA, UG, US, VN	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in SGD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/SG* (BN, KH, TH)
SI Slovenian Intellectual Property Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
SK Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
SY Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection, Directorate of Industrial and Commercial Property Protection (Syrian Arab Republic)	*(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)*	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EG, EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
TN National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
TR Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in TRY, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/TR* (IQ)

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
TT Intellectual Property Office, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, CL, EP, SE, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
UA National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise "Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)"	*(not yet participating as RO)*	as Collecting RO: *(not yet participating as RO)* Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in USD (specified only by non-participating RO/UA)*
UG Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, SG	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
US United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AU, EP, IL, JP, KR, SG as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/BR, CL, DO, EG, GE, IB, IL, IN, JO, MX, NZ, OM, PA, PE, PH, QA, SA, TT, ZA	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in USD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/US* (BH, KN, TH)
VN Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam)	*(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, EP, JP, KR, SG, SE, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
XN Nordic Patent Institute	n/a	as Collecting RO: (n/a) as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/DK, IB, IS, NO, SE	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in DKK*
ZA Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, EP, US	n/a	n/a	n/a

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Korean won (KRW)** and **New Zealand dollars (NZD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2023, are KRW 1,864,000 and NZD 2,340.

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

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 March 2023, is EUR 283.

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

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** and **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2023, are EUR 28 and JPY 4,000 in the case of filing by an individual, and EUR 114 and JPY 16,000 in other cases.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Australian dollars (AUD)** and **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2023, are AUD 531 and SGD 484 for international applications filed in Korean or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and AUD 1,416 and SGD 1,290 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*]

NZ New Zealand

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD	2,249
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD	25
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	NZD	338
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	NZD	507

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

SG Singapore

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 **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2023, is KRW 2,074,000.

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

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CA Canada

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 **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2023, is EUR 1,175.

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

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

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 March 2023, are EUR 118 and USD 124, respectively, for searches carried out in Russian; and EUR 525 and USD 551, respectively, for searches carried out in English.

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

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

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 March 2023, is ISK 271,000.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) 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 2023, are CHF 1,010, EUR 1,024 and USD 1,075, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) 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 March 2023, are USD 1,080 for international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and USD 1,277 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*]

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 March 2023, are EUR 112 and USD 117 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 525 and USD 551 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) 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 March 2023, is ISK 271,000.

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

SG Singapore

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 **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2023, is USD 1,664.

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	USD	1,435
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD	16
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request not being in character-coded format):	USD	108
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	USD	216
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	USD	324

[Updating of Annexes C(AM), C(AP), C(AZ), C(BH), C(BW), C(BY), C(BZ), C(CL), C(CR), C(DJ), C(DO), C(EA), C(EC), C(EG), C(GE), C(GH), C(HN), C(IB), C(IL), C(IN), C(IQ), C(JM), C(JO), C(KE), C(KG), C(KH), C(KZ), C(LR), C(MD), C(MW), C(MX), C(NI), C(PA), C(PE), C(PG), C(PH), C(QA), C(RU), C(SA), C(SC), C(SV), C(SY), C(TJ), C(TM), C(TT), C(UA), C(UG), C(US), C(UZ), C(WS), C(ZM) and C(ZW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, 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 **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2023, are EUR 2,064 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, EUR 1,032 for a small entity, and EUR 516 for a micro entity.

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

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 March 2023, is USD 216.

[Updating of Annex E(US) 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 March 2023, is ISK 271,000.

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

ASSIGNMENT OF INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATION NUMBERS UNDER SECTION 404 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTICE ISSUED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Due to a technical error in the publication software used by the International Bureau, the international publication numbers assigned to PCT applications published on 5 January 2023, 12 January 2023 and 19 January 2023 were as follows:

– Gazette 01/2023 – WO 2023/272317 to WO 2023/279123
– Gazette 02/2023 – WO 2023/279124 to WO 2023/283659
– Gazette 03/2023 – WO 2023/283660 to WO 2023/288343

The International Bureau hereby notifies that the assignment of international publication numbers starting from WO 2023/000001 will resume on 26 January 2023.

The range of international publication numbers referred to above, if reached, will not be re-assigned.

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CN China

The **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – from 1 March 2023, the Office will discontinue the use of its facsimile services and will no longer accept the filing of international applications and related documents or correspondence transmitted by facsimile.

[Updating of Annex B1(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CL Chile

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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2023, are as follows:

Search fee:	CHF 1,853
Reduced search fee for natural persons and legal entities:	CHF 371 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States that benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion.)
Reduced search fee for universities:	CHF 278 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee.)

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

IB International Bureau of WIPO

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)** have been established, with effect from 1 March 2023, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD 108
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD 54 Supplement for airmail: USD 11

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

PH Philippines

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 **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2023, are CHF 927 and CHF 371 (the latter applies where the applicant is a small entity).[1]

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CZ Czechia

The **Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* (Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27) – with effect since 1 January 2023, the Office requires two copies of the translation of the international application and the drawings for a patent, instead of three.

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

[1] A small entity refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES, INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES AND INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and in accordance with Sections 703, 710(a) and (b) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau of several changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 03/2004, pages 1732 *et seq.* (as modified by the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 October 2010 (page 175), 12 August 2021 (page 136) and 18 August 2022 (page 227)).

Consequently, with effect since 13 December 2022, the following notification replaces the notifications published in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette):

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 (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

– TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims see Annex, section 3.1.3.1)

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

– online filing (see Annex F, section 5.1 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging:

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

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

– Front Office (OEPMSei)

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

The notification of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the OEPM as receiving 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 OEPM will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1), or if the package submitted does not contain any files, will a notification or confirmation of receipt not be generated.

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

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

Online payment is not currently available.

As to details concerning helpdesks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Front Office-related end user support questions, including straightforward ePCT user-assistance questions, will be managed and resolved directly by the OEPM help desk. The help desk may be contacted:

– by e-mail at: Soportefuncional@oepm.es

The WIPO PCT eServices team will provide second-level support.

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

– international applications

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

The OEPM will accept the filing of documents in 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)):

The OEPM will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its Web site.

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

The OEPM accepts the following certification authorities:

– https://sedeaplicaciones.minetur.gob.es/Prestadores/Inicio.aspx

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

Stored files can be accessed through OEPM online file-consultation services, available at: https://www.oepm.es/es/Bases_de_Datos_Expedientes.html

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

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JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has notified the International Bureau of an additional physical medium accepted for the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings in electronic form (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1) – in addition to diskette and CD-R, the Authority also accepts DVD-R format.

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

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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 entered into force on 1 February 2023, consists of the addition of **Trinidad and Tobago** to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex.

As from 1 February 2023, the amended Annex A reads 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, 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, 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: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_sg.pdf

US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[2] – Amendment to Annex D

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments, which will take effect on 1 April 2023, consist of changes in the fee reductions applicable in the case of filing by a small or micro entity, for fees payable to the USPTO in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

With effect from 1 April 2023, 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 (United States dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,180[3]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,180[3]
Preparation of an international-type search report on a United States national application	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– where the international search fee has been paid on the international application to the Authority	640[3]
– where the international search was carried out by another Authority	800[3]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	640[3]
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13*ter*.1(c) and 13*ter*.2))	320[3]

[2] Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf

[3] This fee is reduced by 60% in the case of filing by a "small entity" and by 80% in the case of filing by a "micro entity". For further details on the entitlement to and the establishment of "small entity" status, see www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/s509.html#d0e30961 and 37 CFR 1.27 at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf

For further details on the entitlement to and the establishment of "micro entity" status, see www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/s509.html#ch500_d1ff69_210b3_1ca and 37 CFR 1.29 at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf

These details shall be subject to change by the Authority at its discretion.

Cost of copies (Rules 44.3 and 71.2)[4]

– US patent, per copy [No change]

Cost of copies (Rules 94.1*ter* and 94.2)

– US patent, per copy [No change]

– non-US patent document, per copy [No change]

Part II. [No change]

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GT Guatemala

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala)** has notified the International Bureau of the deletion of one of its telephone numbers, as well as changes to its e-mail address. The remaining available telephone number, and new e-mail addresses, are as follows:

Telephone:	(520) 232 470 70 ext. 105
E-mail:	rvaldes@rpi.gob.gt mmoreira@rpi.gob.gt ccastaneda@rpi.gob.gt

[Updating of Annex B1(GT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees for small and micro entities, payable in **US dollars (USD)** to the USPTO in its capacity as International Searching Authority, from 1 April 2023, as follows:

[4] The applicant receives, together with the international search report, a copy of each cited document that is not a US patent document or a published international application. The applicant receives, together with the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each cited document not cited in the international search report that is not a US patent document or a published international application. Electronic copies of these documents may be viewed at the USPTO's website (www.uspto.gov/patents-application-process/search-patents) and printed for free. Copies can also be purchased online or obtained from the USPTO Office of Public Records.

		Small entity	*Micro entity*
Search fee[5] (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	USD	872	436
Additional search fee[5] (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	USD	872	436
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1(c)):	USD	128	64

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

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of fees for small and micro entities, in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority and also applicable from 1 April 2023, as follows:

		Small entity	*Micro entity*
Preliminary examination fee[5,6] (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	USD (USD	256 320	128 160)
Additional preliminary examination fee[7] (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	USD	256	128
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.2):	USD	128	64

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

TT Trinidad and Tobago

The **Intellectual Property Office, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore – in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 February 2023 with the Intellectual Property Office, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago) or the International Bureau of WIPO, in their capacities as receiving Offices, by nationals and residents of Trinidad and Tobago.

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[5] The amounts of these fees change periodically. The United States Patent and Trademark Office or the current USPTO Fee Schedule at: www.uspto.gov/about/offices/cfo/finance/fees.jsp should be consulted for the applicable amounts.

[6] The amounts in parentheses are payable when the international search was not carried out by the USPTO.

[7] This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

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BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – since 1 January 2023, the original of a document must be furnished within 14 days of the date of its transmission, instead of one month.

[Updating of Annex B1(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AT Austria

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 **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2023, is KRW 2,367,000.

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

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 2023, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	BYN	90.65
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	BYN	185

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

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

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 **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2023, is HUF 690,700.

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

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 April 2023, are CHF 113 or CHF 28 in the case of filing by an individual.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the handling fee. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2023, is KRW 267,000.

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

US United States of America

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 **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2023, are CHF 2,020 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, CHF 1,010 for a small entity, and CHF 505 for a micro entity.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a), and since 1 January 2023, the Office accepts only English as the language in which international applications may be filed.

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

TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has notified 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 two.

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

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,[1, 2] in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2023, as follows:

For patent:		
Filing fee:	BYN	90.65
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	38.85
Examination fee:	BYN	440.30
Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	259
Annual fee for the third year:	BYN	90.65
For utility model:		
Filing fee:	BYN	181.30
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	90.65

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

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

[2] 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.

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AU Australia

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 **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2023, is USD 1,523.

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

DJ Djibouti

The **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of the discontinuation 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 5 February 2023.

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

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

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 April 2023, are CHF 120 for searches carried out in Russian and CHF 532 for searches carried out in English.

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

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 Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2023, are CHF 121, EUR 121 and USD 132, respectively.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2023, are CHF 338 and EUR 336 for international applications filed in Korean or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and CHF 900 and EUR 897 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)** 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 2023, are CHF 113 for searches carried out in Russian and CHF 532 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 also been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2023, are CHF 157 and CHF 251 (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

DJ Djibouti

The **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the national fee,[1] in **Djibouti francs (DJF)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 5 February 2023, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:	DJF	172,500

For certificate of addition:

Filing fee:	DJF	172,500

The Office also notified that national fees are payable only in **Djibouti francs (DJF)**; the payment of national fees in US dollars (USD) is no longer possible.

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

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: FEE TRANSFERS THAT WERE PART OF THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES

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ES Spain

The information published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 January 2023 (page 12 *et seq.*), concerning PCT fee transfers that were part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service as of 31 December 2022, included an error in the indication of the currency of transfers for the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**. As a Beneficiary ISA, the Office receives transfers through the service in **euros (EUR)**, not in Egyptian pounds (EGP).

[1] Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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PH Philippines

Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[1]

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments, which will take effect on 7 April 2023, consist of changes in the amounts, and in the reductions, of fees payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

With effect from 7 April 2023, 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 (USD)	
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	600	(200)[2]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	600	(300)[2]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	300	(150)[2]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	400	(200)[2]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	400	(200)[2]
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13*ter*.1(c) and 13*ter*.2)	200	(100)[2]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1*ter* and 94.2), per document	20	(10)[2]

Part II. [No change]

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ph.pdf.

[2] The fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a small entity, which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than One Hundred Million Pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Costa Rica)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail: vcohen@rnp.go.cr
jlizano@rnp.go.cr
hmarin@rnp.go.cr

[Updating of Annex B1(CR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GT Guatemala – Corrigendum

The information concerning the deletion of one of the telephone numbers for the **Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala)**, published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 9 February 2023 (page 50) introduced an error in the remaining telephone number. The international dialling code for Guatemala is 502 and not 520. The correct telephone number is as follows:

Telephone: (502) 232 470 70 ext. 105

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IQ Iraq

The **Iraqi Patent Office (IQPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for priority document, in **Iraqi dinars (IQD)** and **US dollars (USD)**, applicable since 1 January 2023 and payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):		IQD	27,500	
	or	USD	21	
	plus	IQD	100	per page or sheet
	or	USD	0.08	per page or sheet

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

PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority, from 7 April 2023, as follows:

			Small entity[3]
Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	USD	600	200
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	USD	600	300
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e))	USD	400	200
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1(c)):	USD	200	100
Cost of copies (PCT Rules 44.3(b) and 94.1t*er*), per document	USD	20	10

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

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, and also applicable from 7 April 2023, as follows:

			Small entity[3]
Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	USD	300	150
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	USD	400	200
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e))	USD	400	200
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.2):	USD	200	100
Cost of copies (PCT Rules 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document	USD	20	10

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

[3] Fees are reduced where the applicant is a small entity, which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than One Hundred Million Pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Agreement between the European Patent Office (EPO) and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[1] – Amendment to Annex D

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau, pursuant to 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 April 2023, consist of changes in the amounts of several fees payable to the EPO in its capacity as International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search, and International Preliminary Examining Authority.

As from 1 April 2023, 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))	[No change][2]
Additional fee (Rules 40.2(a) and 40*bis*[3])	[No change][2]
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45*bis*.3(a))	[No change][2]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,840[2]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,840[2]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	980
Review fee (Rule 45*bis*.6(c))	980
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13*ter*.1(c) and 13*ter*.2)	255

Part II. [No change]

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/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).

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EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has 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 2023, as follows:

Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	EUR	980
Review fee (PCT Rule 45*bis*.6(c)):	EUR	980
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1(c))	EUR	255

[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 2023, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	EUR	1,840
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	EUR	1,840
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	EUR	980
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.2):	EUR	255

[Updating of Annex E(EP) 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 (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 April 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	HUF	518,700
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	HUF	5,900
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	HUF	78,000
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	HUF	117,000

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)**, **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**, have been established for the search fee for international searches, carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, concerning small and micro entities. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2023, are CHF 808, EUR 826, NZD 1,360 and ZAR 15,680, respectively, for a small entity; and CHF 404, EUR 413, NZD 680 and ZAR 7,840, respectively, for a micro entity.

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

RESTORATION OF THE RIGHT OF PRIORITY: NOTIFICATIONS UNDER PCT RULES 26*bis*.3(i) AND 49*ter*.2(g)

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g), the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office and designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that, as from 1 April 2023, it will apply the "unintentional" criterion – instead of the "due care" criterion – to requests for restoration of the right of priority, for any international application in respect of which the priority period expires on or after that date.

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

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2023, is ZAR 34,300.

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

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2023, is ZAR 34,300.

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

HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees following a change in the currency for fee payments to the Office, from **Croatian kuna (HRK)** to **euros (EUR)**, with effect since 1 January 2023.

Since that date, the consolidated list of fees payable to the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, is as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR 26.54
International filing fee:[1]	EUR 1,378
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:[1]	EUR 16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR 207
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR 311
Search fee:	Refer to Annex D(EP)

[1] This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (refer to Annex C(IB)).

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):		EUR	19.91	
	plus	EUR	6.64	for each additional priority document
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):		EUR	26.54	

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

PH Philippines

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 7 April 2023, are CHF 561 and EUR 564, or CHF 187 and EUR 188 where the applicant is a small entity.[2]

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

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HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees resulting from a change in the currency for the payment of national fees to the Office, from **Croatian kuna (HRK)** to **euros (EUR)**, with effect since 1 January 2023.

Consequently, since that date, the national filing fees for patents and utility models, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, are as follows:

National fee:[3]

Filing fee:	*Patents*	*Utility models*
– up to 30 sheets and 10 claims	EUR 159.27	EUR 100.87
– for each additional sheet	EUR 0.66	EUR 0.66
– for each additional claim	EUR 1.33	EUR 1.33

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

[2] A small entity refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

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

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RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address for general enquiries. The Office's e-mail addresses are now as follows:

E-mail:	icd@rospatent.gov.ru	(general)
	ro-ru@rupto.ru	(RO)
	pct-peo@rupto.ru	(ISA, SISA, IPEA)

[Updating of Annex B1(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2023, is ZAR 26,950.

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

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees in **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These new amounts, applicable from 1 April 2023, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	145	(EUR 0)[1]
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d):	EUR	720	

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

[1] This amount applies where the PCT request (Form PCT/RO/101) and the international application are filed with the EPO as receiving Office online in character-coded format.

IL Israel

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, applicable from 1 May 2023, is ILS 769.

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

ZA South Africa

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 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 May 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	25,920
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	290
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ZAR	3,900
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ZAR	5,850

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

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 2023, are as follows:

National fee:			
Filing fee:[2, 3]			
– for online filings	EUR	105	(EUR 135)[4]

[2] Must be paid within 31 months from the priority date.

[3] Refer to the Decision of the EPO Administrative Council dated 14 December 2022 (CA/D 16/22), OJ EPO 2023, A2.

[4] This amount will apply where the international application (or, if required, its translation), the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) and any amendments for processing in the European phase are all filed online, but any one of them is filed in a format other than character-coded format.

– in all other cases	EUR	285
Additional fee for pages in excess of 35, for the 36th and each subsequent page	EUR	17
Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated[5]	EUR	660
Claims fee:[6]		
– for the 16th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50	EUR	265
– for the 51st and each subsequent claim	EUR	660
Search fee:[6]		
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005	EUR	1,000
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005	EUR	1,460
Fee for further processing:		
– in the event of late payment of a fee	[No change]	
– other cases	EUR	290
Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing	EUR	255
Examination fee:[7]		
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005	EUR	2,055
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up	EUR	2,055
– for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005	EUR	1,840
Renewal fee for the third year[8]	EUR	530

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

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

[7] 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.

[8] 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 2023, is EUR 1,245.[9]

[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)), payable to the EPO in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 April 2023, is EUR 720.

LK Sri Lanka

The **National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the national application fee in **Sri Lankan rupees (LKR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable since 2 January 2023, are as follows:

		Students	*Natural Persons*	*Others*
National fees:[10]				
Application fee:	LKR	1,150	2,875	6,900

The Office also notified that, with effect since the aforementioned date, national fees are subject to a value added tax (VAT) of 15%, instead of 12%.

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

[9] Refer to the Decision of the EPO's Administrative Council dated 14 December 2022 (CA/D 16/22), OJ EPO 2023, A2.

[10] If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

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HR Croatia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 22 February 2018, page 193 *et seq.* (and subsequently amended in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 17 November 2022, page 304)).

In particular, on 11 January 2023, the Office notified that it no longer accepts international applications in electronic form filed using the EPO online filing software, with effect since 1 January 2023.

Consequently, with effect since 1 January 2023, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notifications:

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

– XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
– WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (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: (385-1) 61 06 547
– by fax at: (385-1) 61 12 017
– by e-mail at: epct_hr@dziv.hr

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 (www.dziv.hr/hr).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-eservices/en/certificates.htm)
– Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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(HR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its facsimile number, which is now as follows:

Facsimile machine:	(36-1) 331 25 96

[Updating of Annex B1(HU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LT Lithuania

The **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail:	info@vpb.gov.lt

[Updating of Annex B1(LT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MT Malta

The **Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Department, Ministry for the Economy and Industry (Malta)** has notified the International Bureau that the name of the Office is as follows:

Name of Office:	Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Department

[Updating of Annex B1(MT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MU Mauritius

General information on **Mauritius** as a PCT Contracting State is now available in Annex B1(MU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which is published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to one of its telephone numbers, which are now the following:

Telephone:	(966-11) 280 59 76 (966-11) 280 59 84

[Updating of Annex B1(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

DO Dominican Republic

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **US dollars (USD)** and **Dominican pesos (DOP)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These new amounts, applicable from 31 March 2023, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD	360
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	DOP	19,835

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

DO Dominican Republic

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the national filing fee in **Dominican pesos (DOP)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable from 31 March 2023, are as follows:

National fees:[1]	*Patents*	*Utility models*
Filing fee:		
– Up to 30 sheets	DOP 13,225	DOP 9,255
– For each additional sheet	[no change]	[no change]

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

IT Italy

The **Italian Trademark and Patent Office**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has clarified its special requirement (under PCT Rule 51*bis*) concerning the address for service. The consolidated list of special requirements under the aforementioned PCT Rule is now as follows:

– Name of the inventor, if it has not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application[2]

– Instrument of assignment of the priority right, where the applicants are not identical[2]

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

[2] This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

– Address for service in the European Union or European Economic Area is necessary (but appointment of an agent is not required)

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

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

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MU MAURITIUS MU

General information

Name of Office:	Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM)
Location and mailing address:	11th Floor, Sterling House, Lislet Geoffroy Street, Port Louis, Mauritius
Telephone:	(230) 260 28 10
Facsimile machine:	(230) 210 97 02
E-mail:	trademark@intnet.mu
Internet:	https://foreign.govmu.org/Pages/Industrial%20Property%20Office/Industrial-Property-Office.aspx
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
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)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Mauritius:	Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Mauritius is designated (or elected):	Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents in addition to utility models
Provisions of the law of Mauritius concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Mauritius is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Mauritius is designated (or elected):	The indication of the inventor's name and address is not required by the Office
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes

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RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **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 June 2023, are CHF 102 and EUR 103 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 479 and EUR 485 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 also been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 June 2023, are CHF 141 and CHF 226 (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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IQ Iraq

Information on the requirements of the **Iraqi Patent Office (IQPO)** as designated (or elected) Office is now available in the Summary of the National Chapter (IQ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which is published at the end of the present issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

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NO Norway

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Norwegian Industrial Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 3 December 2015, pages 198 *et seq.* (as subsequently amended in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 5 December 2019, page 192).

In particular, the Office notified that, as from 15 June 2023, it will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed using the EPO Online Filing software.

Furthermore, the Office no longer accepts sequence listings submitted under WIPO Standard ST.25. With respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, with effect from 15 June 2023, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notifications:

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

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

– WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (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)

– JFIF (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 signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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 the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names and sizes of the electronic files received (refer to Section 704(a)(v)) and the dates of creation of the electronic files received (refer to Section 704(a)(vi)).

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 (refer to Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (refer to 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 (refer to Section 709(b)).

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

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

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 will be available between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. It may be contacted:

– by telephone at: +47 22 38 73 33
– by e-mail at: post@patentstyret.no

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

– international applications

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

The Office will accept filing of documents in 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 (www.patentstyret.no).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-eservices/en/certificates.html)
– Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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

ePCT private services provide access to files of international applications to the extent that they are available at the International Bureau.

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

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

GT Guatemala

In accordance with PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(a)(ii), the **Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala)**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, which are now as follows:

Designated (or elected) Office	**Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:**		**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 Offices concerned**
	the indications prescribed in Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii)	**any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column**	
GT - Guatemala Registry of Intellectual Property	At the time of filing (must be in the description)	None	To the extent available to the applicant, a description of the characteristics of the microorganism and/or other biological material.
Deposits may be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala) 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* (these institutions are indicated further in this Annex and notifications related thereto may be consulted under: www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/). The certificate of deposit must be translated into Spanish upon entry into the national phase.			

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SUMMARY — Designated (or elected) Office — SUMMARY

IQ — IRAQI PATENT OFFICE (IQPO) — IQ

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3): 31 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): 31 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into:[1]	Arabic
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase:[1]	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	A copy is required only if the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2).
National fee:	Currency: Iraqi dinar (IQD) or US Dollar (USD) Filing fee:[1] IQD 77,075 USD 55
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51*bis*):	Name and address of the inventor if not indicated in the "Request" part of the international application[2, 3] Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent[2, 3] Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to claim priority of the earlier application[2, 3] Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306)[2] Representation by an agent if the applicant is not resident in Iraq[2] Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney)[2] Translation of the international application to be furnished in three copies
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or patent agent registered before the Office
Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49*ter*.2)?	Yes, the Office applies both the "unintentional" and the "due care" criteria to such requests

1 Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

2 If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

3 This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

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EE Estonia

The **Estonian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

Location and mailing address: Tatari 39
15041 Tallinn
Estonia

[Updating of Annex B1(EE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MG Madagascar

The I**ndustrial Property Office of Madagascar** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (261-34) 43 152 36
(261-34) 87 581 10

[Updating of Annex B1(MG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) in **euros (EUR)**, with effect since 1 April 2023. The amount of this fee, payable to the EPO in its capacity as receiving Office, is EUR 115.

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

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES

Pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2, and in accordance with Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, an Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service (a "participating Office")[1] as a "collecting Office" may transfer to another Office (the "beneficiary Office") via the International Bureau, for PCT purposes, the following fees and differences:

[1] A participating Office may refer to any PCT receiving Office ("RO"), International Searching Authority ("ISA"), Authority specified for supplementary international search ("SISA"), or International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA").

– **international filing fee** (PCT Rule 15.2(c) or (d));
– **search fee** (PCT Rule 16.1(c) or (d));
– **supplementary search fee** (PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b));
– **handling fee** (PCT Rule 57.2(c) or (d)); and
– **differences relating to the search fee**[2] (PCT Rule 16.1(e)).

Between 1 January and 31 March 2023 (inclusive),[3] the following Office notified the International Bureau of its participation in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.1 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as follows:

	PCT Fee Transfers				
	International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
MU Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM)	*(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for: ISA/EP*	n/a	n/a	n/a

[2] Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

[3] The complete list of Offices participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, as of 31 December 2022, is available in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 January 2023 (pages 13 *et seq*.).

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MY Malaysia

The **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia** has notified the International Bureau of its new location and mailing address (effective 10 April 2023), as well as changes to its telephone and facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Level 5, Menara MyIPO PJ Sentral, Lot 12 Persiaran Barat, Seksyen 52 46200 Petaling Jaya Selangor Malaysia
Telephone:	(603) 7496 89 00
Facsimile:	(603) 7496 89 99

[Updating of Annex B1(MY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the handling fee. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2023, is KRW 286,000.

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

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the transmittal fee in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 13 April 2023, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD 93.87[1]	(for a natural person)
	USD 375.50[1]	(for a legal entity)

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[1] This amount includes a value added tax (VAT) of 16%.

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MY Malaysia

The **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the national filing fee and fees for each additional claim exceeding the first ten claims (for patent applications or international applications entering the national phase), payable in **Malaysian ringgit (MYR)** to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 18 March 2022, are as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee (electronic or paper filing):[2]	MYR	290
Claims fee for every additional claim exceeding the first ten claims (electronic or paper filing):		
– from the 11th to the 20th claim:	MYR	20 (per claim)
– from the 21st to the 30th claim:	MYR	30 (per claim)
– from the 31st to the 40th claim:	MYR	40 (per claim)
– for each claim in excess of 40:	MYR	50 (per claim)

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

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of annual fees for patents, payable in **Swedish kronor (SEK)** to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 18 March 2023, are as follows:

National Fee:

Annual fee for the first two years:		None
Annual fee for the 3rd year:[3]	SEK	1,500

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

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

[3] This fee is due on the last day of the month containing the second anniversary (24 months) of the international filing date; where PCT Article 22 or 39(1) applies, it is payable within two months after performing the acts for entering the national phase, unless the 24-month time limit has not yet expired.

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

PL Poland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Government of the Republic of Poland** has notified[4] 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 26 January 2023, as follows:

Collection of Plasmids and Microorganisms (KPD)
University of Gdansk
Wita Stwosza 59
80-308 Gdansk
Poland

[4] The full text of Budapest Notification N˚ 355 is available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/notifications/budapest/treaty_budapest_355.html

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CN China

Agreement between the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[1] – Amendment to Annex A

The **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** 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 May 2023, consists of the addition of **Saudi Arabia** to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex.

As from 1 May 2023, 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:

China, Angola, Cambodia, Ghana, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liberia, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Zimbabwe

and any State that the Authority will specify.

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

China, Angola, Cambodia, Ghana, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liberia, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Zimbabwe

and any State that the Authority will specify.

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/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag_cn.pdf.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its facsimile number, which is now as follows:

Facsimile: (375-17) 272 97 51

[Updating of Annex B1(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CA Canada

New equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** 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 new amounts, applicable from 1 June 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CAD	1,956
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CAD	22
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	CAD	294
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	CAD	441
Handling fee:	CAD	294

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

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

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 **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2023, are USD 115 for searches carried out in Russian, and USD 512 for searches carried out in English.

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

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

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 **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2023, is NOK 19,970.

[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 **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 June 2023, are USD 109 for searches carried out in Russian, and USD 512 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) 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 June 2023, is NOK 19,970.

[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 June 2023, is NOK 19,970.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has specified the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)[2] — in addition to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office,[2] the Egyptian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO),[2] the Japan Patent Office (JPO),[2] the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore,[2] and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)[2] — as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 May 2023 with SAIP or with the receiving Office of the International Bureau, by nationals and residents of Saudi Arabia.

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[2] This Office is competent as International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is or has been carried out by it.

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AT Austria

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 **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2023, is KRW 2,572,000.

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

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 July 2023, is EUR 1,345.

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

CA Canada

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 **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2023, is CHF 1,145.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts have been established – in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, with effect from 1 June 2023; and in **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, with effect from 1 July 2023 – for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts are CHF 315 and SGD 456, respectively, for international applications filed in Korean (or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3); and CHF 840 and SGD 1,215, respectively, 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*]

SG Singapore

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 **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2023, is KRW 2,218,000.

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

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TT Trinidad and Tobago

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 25 November 2021, page 209 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the Office accepts sequence listings submitted under WIPO Standard ST.26. Consequently, since that date, the following electronic filing notification replaces the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette):

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

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

– WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (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: (1-868) 226 44 76

– by fax at: (1-868) 226 51 60

– by e-mail at: info@ipo.gov.tt

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 (www.ipo.gov.tt).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-eservices/en/certificates.htm)

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(TT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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

TT Trinidad and Tobago

In accordance with Section 332(a-*bis*) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept language-dependent free text in English for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description under PCT Rule 12.1(d). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

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AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)** 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 new amounts, applicable from 1 July 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD	2,247
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD	25
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	AUD	338
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	AUD	507
Handling fee:	AUD	338

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

BR Brazil

In accordance with 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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2023, are USD 334 when filing online and USD 500 when filing on paper.

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

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **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 June 2023, are CHF 108 and EUR 109 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 479 and EUR 485 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(EA) 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 2023, is EUR 948.

[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 **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2023, are EUR 312 for international applications filed in Korean (or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3), and EUR 831 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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NO Norway

New equivalent amounts in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (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 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NOK	15,950
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NOK	180
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	NOK	2,400
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	NOK	3,600

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CV Cabo Verde

Information on the requirements of the **Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI) (Cabo Verde)** as designated (or elected) Office under the PCT is provided in the Summary of the National Chapter (CV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

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PH Philippines

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 7 January 2016, page 2 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the acceptable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26. Consequently, since that date, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in its notification (under Rule 89*bis*.1(d)) is 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 XML (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)

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

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PH Philippines

In accordance with Section 332(a-*bis*) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept language-dependent free text in English or Filipino, 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 Filipino within a single sequence listing.

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

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Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into:[1]	English or Portuguese
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase:[1]	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee:	Currency: Cabo Verde Escudo (CVE) For patent: Filing fee:[1] CVE 15,000 For utility model: Filing fee:[1] CVE 13,000
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	The fees are reduced by up to 90% where the applicant is the inventor and he provides a declaration indicating that his economic situation prevents him from paying the full amount of the fees.
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51*bis*):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application[2, 3] Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred ater the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306) Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent[2, 3] Evidence of the applicant's entitlement to claim priority where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application[2, 3] Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Cabo Verde[4] Power of attorney if an agent is appointed[4] Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

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[1] Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).
[2] This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.
[3] If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.
[4] If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

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Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person residing in Cabo Verde
Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49*ter*.2)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests

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KN Saint Kitts and Nevis

The **Intellectual Property Office (Saint Kitts and Nevis)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its location and mailing address, and to its e-mail address, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	P.O. Box 693 George Street Basseterre, St. Kitts Saint Kitts and Nevis
E-mail:	ipo@gov.kn

[Updating of Annex B1(KN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

OM Oman

The I**ntellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the name of the Office and its Internet address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	National Intellectual Property Office (Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion)
Internet:	www.tejarah.gov.om

[Updating of Annex B1(OM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

OM Oman

The **National Intellectual Property Office (Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion) (Oman**) has notified the International Bureau of conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, as follows:

For a period of five years from the date of submission of the application, fees for services relating to industrial property rights are reduced (i) by 90% where the international application is filed by a researcher in a research center or a student of a school, college or university, and (ii) by 50% where the application is filed by a small enterprise. (For additional details, refer to Ministerial Resolution No. 206/2018 of 18 October 2018.)

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (OM), 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 BY RECEIVING OFFICES, INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES, AUTHORITIES SPECIFIED FOR SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH AND INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and in accordance with Sections 703(b), 710(b) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, 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 of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 18 March 2021, pages 51 *et seq.* (as modified in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 30 June 2022, pages 165 *et seq*. and of 18 August 2022, page 225).

In particular, as from 1 July 2023, the EPO will accept international applications and subsequently filed documents, including PCT Chapter II demands (PCT/IPEA/401), filed using the new EPO Contingency Upload Service. As from this date, the means available for filing international applications and other documents and correspondence relating to international applications in electronic form with the EPO will be: EPO Online Filing, EPO Web-Form Filing, ePCT-Filing, Online Filing 2.0 (with integrated ePCT-Filing) and the EPO Contingency Upload Service.

Consequently, the following item concerning the requirements for filing in electronic form via the EPO Contingency Upload Service will be added to the notification published (and revised) in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette), with effect from 1 July 2023:

FILING VIA THE EPO CONTINGENCY UPLOAD SERVICE:

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

– PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

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

– facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

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

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

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

The EPO has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

– by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20 20

– by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

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 (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

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)):

The EPO will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

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

LY Libya

The **Libyan Industrial Property Office**, 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 **3 July 2023**, 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 signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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: (218-21) 369 15 12

– by e-mail at: patent@irc.ly

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 (https://irc.ly/office-of-industrial-property/).

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(LY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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

NL Netherlands

In accordance with Section 332(a-*bis*) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Netherlands Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the language of the language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept, under PCT Rule 12.1(d), for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description is the same language as used in the international application (Dutch, English, French or German). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

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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 2023, is CHF 1,302.

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

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 May 2023, are as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):		BYN	42.00	for each copy of priority document up to 35 pages
	plus	BYN	1.20	for each page of one copy in excess of 35 pages

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

CN China

New equivalent amounts in **Chinese Renminbi (CNY)** 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 new amounts, applicable from 1 July 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CNY	10,350
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CNY	120
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	CNY	1,560

Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	CNY	2,340
Handling fee:	CNY	1,560

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

IL Israel

A new equivalent amount in **Israeli new shekels (ILS)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 July 2023, is ILS 818.

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

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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 July 2023, is CHF 270.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) 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 July 2023, is CHF 934.

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

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MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone and facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(373-22) 40 05 00 (373-22) 18 85 06
Facsimile machine:	(373-22) 18 86 99

[Updating of Annex B1(MD) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (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 August 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD	2,387
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD	27
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	NZD	359
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	NZD	539

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

ZA South Africa

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 (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 August 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	28,990
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	330
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ZAR	4,360
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ZAR	6,540

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2023, is ZAR 36,760.

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

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** 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 2023, is ZAR 36,760.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) 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 August 2023, are ZAR 42,250 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 16,900 for a small entity, and ZAR 8,450 for a micro entity.

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IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Intellectual Property Office** (ISIPO) has notified the International Bureau of a change in its location and mailing address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address: Katrínartún 4
IS-105, Reykjavik
Iceland

[Updating of Annex B1(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its Internet address, which is now as follows:

Internet: https://uibm.mise.gov.it/index.php/it/

[Updating of Annex B1(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

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 August 2023, are CHF 98 for searches carried out in Russian and CHF 435 for searches carried out in English.

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

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 August 2023, are CHF 92 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 435 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 August 2023, are CHF 128 and CHF 205 (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*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

MU Mauritius

The **Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM)** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority, with effect since 15 March 2023, for international applications filed with IPOM or with the receiving Office of the International Bureau of WIPO, by nationals and residents of Mauritius.

Additional information on the requirements of IPOM as a receiving Office under the PCT is now available in Annex C(MU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which is published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

TR Türkiye

The **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)** has notified 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 2023, as follows:

For patent or utility model:

Filing fee:	TRY	5,800
Fee for certificate of grant:	TRY	1,050
Renewal fee for third year:	TRY	1,050
Reinstatement of rights:	TRY	5,730

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

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HU Hungary

In accordance with Section 332(a-*bis*) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the language of the language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept, under PCT Rule 12.1(d), for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description is the same language as used in the international application (Hungarian, English, German or French). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

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SE Sweden

The **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)** has notified the International Bureau that for the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings, physical media are not accepted. Sequence listings must be filed in electronic form (refer to Administrative Instructions under the PCT, Annex C).

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

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has notified the International Bureau of changes 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 Authority only accepts the following types of physical media: CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD-R or DVD+R.

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

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MU INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OFFICE OF MAURITIUS (IPOM) MU

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Mauritius
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language accepted for language-dependent free text in the sequence listing:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the "unintentional" and the "due care" criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Mauritian Rupee (MUR)
Transmittal fee:	MUR 5,000
International filing fee:[1]	Equivalent in MUR of Swiss francs 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:[1]	Equivalent in MUR of Swiss francs 15
Search fee:	Equivalent in MUR of the search fee payable to the International Searching Authority chosen by the applicant: See Annex D (EP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	MUR 300 per page
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	None
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Mauritius Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer registered in Mauritius
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

[1] This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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BH Bahrain

The **National Patent Office (Bahrain)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the name of the Office and its mailing address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Directorate of Foreign Trade & Industrial Property, National Patent Office (Bahrain)
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 60667, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain

The Office also notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) — the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of telecommunication.

[Updating of Annex B1(BH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MU Mauritius

The **Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM)** has specified the Australian Patent Office – in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) – as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 August 2023 with the IPOM or with the International Bureau of WIPO, by nationals and residents of Mauritius.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of certain components of its national fee, in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2023, are as follows:

National fee:

Basic national fee:[1]	CAD	421.02 (210.51)[2]
Fee for reinstatement of rights (late entry into the national phase):	CAD	210.51

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

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **Singapore dollar (SGD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. The new amount, applicable since 26 May 2022, is as follows:

National (filing) fee: [3]	SGD	210

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

2 The amount in parentheses is applicable only if the applicant is entitled to pay certain fees at the "small entity" level. In order to be entitled to pay the reduced fee, a signed "small entity" declaration compliant with subsection 44(3) of the *Canadian Patent Rules* must, within the applicable time limit set out in subsection 154(1)(c)(i), 154(2)(a), 154(3)(a)(iii)(A), 154(3)(b)(i)(A) or 154(3)(b)(ii)(A) of the *Canadian Patent Rules*, be made by the applicant or the agent on the applicant's behalf (the declaration shall preferably follow the form of the declaration set out in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Phase, Annex CA.II).

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.

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HU Hungary

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 28 May 2015, page 85 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the acceptable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26. Consequently, since that date, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in its notification (under Rule 89*bis*.1(d)) is 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 XML (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)

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

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 1.6 of WIPO Standard ST.26 by the tenth session of the Committee on WIPO Standards (see document CWS/10/13 Rev. 2, and paragraphs 87 and 91 of document CWS/10/22), the Director General has decided that the new version of the Standard shall come into force for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2023. Sequence listings submitted after filing concerning applications filed prior to 1 July 2023 may use either version 1.5 or 1.6 of the Standard.

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ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its telephone number, which is now as follows:

Telephone: (34) 91 780 780

[Updating of Annex B1(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LV Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning 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 no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means.

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EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** and **Swedish kronor (SEK)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2023, are JPY 266,100 and SEK 20,760.

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

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2023, are JPY 17,200 or JPY 4,300 in the case of filing by an individual.

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

JP Japan

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 **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2023, is KRW 1,287,000.

Furthermore, also 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, also applicable from 1 September 2023, are EUR 953 for international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and EUR 1,127 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*]

SE Sweden

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swedish krona (SEK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV**) in its capacity as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2023, is SEK 20,760.

[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 krona (SEK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute** in its capacity as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2023, is SEK 20,760.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Brazil with the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) or with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect from 1 August 2023.

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

CL Chile

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Chile with the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) or with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect from 1 August 2023.

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

CV Cabo Verde

The **Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI) (Cabo Verde)** has specified the Austrian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Cabo Verde with IGQPI or the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect from 1 October 2023.

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

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES

Pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2, and in accordance with Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, an Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service (a "participating Office")[1] as a "collecting Office" may transfer to another Office (the "beneficiary Office") via the International Bureau, for PCT purposes, the following fees and differences:

– **international filing fee** (PCT Rule 15.2(c) or (d));
– **search fee** (PCT Rule 16.1(c) or (d));
– **supplementary search fee** (PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b));
– **handling fee** (PCT Rule 57.2(c) or (d)); and
– **differences relating to the search fee**[2] (PCT Rule 16.1(e)).

Between 1 April and 30 June 2023 (inclusive),[3] the following Office notified the International Bureau of its participation in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.1 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as follows:

	PCT Fee Transfers				
	International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
CV Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI) (Cabo Verde)	*(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for: ISA/EP*	n/a	n/a	n/a

[1] A participating Office may refer to any PCT receiving Office ("RO"), International Searching Authority ("ISA"), Authority specified for supplementary international search ("SISA"), or International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA").

[2] Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

[3] The complete list of Offices participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, as of 31 December 2022, is available in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 January 2023 (pages 13 *et seq*.).

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EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

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 September 2023, are EUR 98 and USD 100 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 434 and USD 447 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(EA) 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 new amounts, applicable from 1 September 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY	214,200
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY	2,400
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	JPY	48,300
Handling fee:	JPY	32,200

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

In addition, 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 Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2023, are USD 988 for an application in Japanese[1] and USD 1,167 for an application in English.[2]

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

[1] For international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3. 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, see https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf

[2] For international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

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 September 2023, are EUR 92 and USD 95 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 434 and USD 447 for searches carried out in English.

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

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)** has notified the International Bureau of the amounts of the fee for priority document, payable in **Swedish krona (SEK)** to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts are now as follows:

Fee for priority document:

If requested under PCT Rule 17.1(b):		None
If requested outside of PCT Rule 17.1(b):	SEK	250

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

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BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified the International Bureau of the deletion of its facsimile number from its contact means.

[Updating of Annex B1(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain – Corrigendum

The information concerning a change of telephone number published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 6 July 2023 (page 141) was incorrect. The telephone number of the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** is as follows:

Telephone:	(34) 910 780 780

[Updating of Annex B1(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UA Ukraine

The Ministry of Economy of Ukraine has notified the International Bureau of a change in the government authority of Ukraine acting as national Office, within the meaning of Article 2(xii) of the *Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)*.

Since 8 November 2022, the **State Organization "Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations" (UANIPIO)** has been performing the functions of the national Office of Ukraine.

Consequently, the name and contact details of the national Office of Ukraine acting as receiving Office, and in other capacities, under the PCT are now as follows:

Name of Office:	State Organization "Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations" (UANIPIO)
Location and mailing address:	1, Hlazunova Street Kyiv 01601 Ukraine
Telephone:	(380-44) 494 05 05
Facsimile:	(380-44) 494 05 06
Email:	office@nipo.gov.ua
Internet:	https://nipo.gov.ua/en/

[Updating of Annex B1(UA) 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 September 2023, is EUR 265.

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

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 September 2023, are CHF 888 for an application in Japanese[1] and CHF 1,049 for an application in English.[2]

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

ES Spain

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

Fee reductions are available to Spanish public universities and entrepreneurs. For further information, refer to https://www.oepm.es

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

[1] For international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3. 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, see https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf

[2] For international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

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

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has notified the International Bureau that for the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings, physical media are not accepted. Sequence listings must be filed in electronic form (refer to Administrative Instructions under the PCT, Annex C).

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PH Philippines

Pursuant to Presidential Memorandum Circular No. 25 dated 21 July 2023, the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Monday, 24 July 2023.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on Tuesday, 25 July 2023.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closure, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

SE Sweden

New equivalent amounts in **Swedish kronor (SEK)** 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 new amounts, applicable from 1 October 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SEK	15,840
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SEK	180
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	SEK	2,380
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	SEK	3,570
Handling fee:	SEK	2,380

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)** has notified the International Bureau that its requirements regarding the contents of the translation for entry into the national phase are now as follows:

Under PCT Article 22:	Description, claims, any text matter of drawings (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended).
Under PCT Article 39(1):	Description, claims, any text matter of drawings (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended).

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

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UA Ukraine

In accordance with Section 332(a-*bis*) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **State Organization "Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations" (UANIPIO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept language-dependent free text in English, for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description under PCT Rule 12.1(d). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

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

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents ("DAS"), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly. Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and 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) in a wide variety of media and formats.

Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, or Section 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, are published by the International Bureau at:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

IT Italy

Following notification of participation in DAS as a depositing Office (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette), dated 27 August 2020, page 184), in accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as an accessing Office, with effect from 1 September 2023.[1]

[1] For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11580

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

EP European Patent Organisation

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 **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of the following period of unavailability of one of its permitted electronic means of communication:

– Online Filing 2.0: from 19 July 2023, 16:00 CET (Central European Time) until 20 July 2023, 14:45 CET.

Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to the unavailability of the above-mentioned service during the indicated period may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82*quater*.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions, published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 November 2020, page 254.

Information concerning this unavailability has been published on the EPO website at:

https://www.epo.org/service-support/availability-of-online-services/2023.html

and on the WIPO website at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/unavailability.html

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MN Mongolia

The **Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning 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 no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means.

[Updating of Annex B1(MN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SK Slovakia – Corrigendum

The information concerning a change of telephone number published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 November 2015 (page 182) was incorrect. The telephone number of the **Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic** is as follows:

Telephone: (421-48) 430 01 31

[Updating of Annex B1(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Section 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau on 4 August 2023, of corrections and updates to its notification published in the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) of 2 February 2023 (pages 44 *et seq*.).

Consequently, the items below in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) are now replaced by the following:

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

– Front Office (OEPMSei)

– EPO online filing 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. The files should be archived in ZIP format.

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

Stored files can be accessed through OEPM online file-consultation services, available at:
https://www.oepm.es/es/herramientas/buscador-base-de-datos/consulta-de-expedientes-de-la-OEPM/

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

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KN Saint Kitts and Nevis

The **Intellectual Property Office (Saint Kitts and Nevis)** has notified the International Bureau of the deletion of facsimile numbers from its contact means, as well as of a change to the name of the Office and the addition of a new telephone number, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Office of St. Kitts and Nevis
Telephone:	(1-869) 467 19 76 (1-869) 467 19 77 (1-869) 467 19 78

[Updating of Annex B1(KN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

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 October 2023, are CHF 86 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 382 for searches carried out in English.

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

EG Egypt

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 **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2023, is CHF 114.

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

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 October 2023, are CHF 81 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 382 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 October 2023, are CHF 113 and CHF 180 (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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CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and following publication of its notification in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 23 June 2016, pages 133 *et seq.* (subsequently modified on 27 February 2020 (page 30), 14 July 2022 (pages 177 *et seq.*) and 18 August 2022 (page 225)), as well as changes published on 21 March 2019 (page 43), 28 April 2022 (page 101) and 2 February 2023 (page 42), the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of further changes.

The new consolidated notification is 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 XML (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)):

– i-system Software

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

– text string signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.2)

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 and sizes of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)) and the dates of creation of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(vi)).

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)):

i-system supports online payment.

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 will be available between 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

– by telephone at: +(86-10) 62 35 66 55

– by e-mail at: cponline@cnipa.gov.cn

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

– international applications

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 provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.cnipa.gov.cn). Applicants may file applications on paper by delivering in person or mail.

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)):

At this stage no digital certificates are accepted by the Office.

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

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.

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MY Malaysia

The **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia** has notified the International Bureau that it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Friday, 21 April 2023 and Monday, 14 August 2023.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on the next working day, Tuesday, 25 April 2023, or Tuesday, 15 August 2023, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau that it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Friday, 25 August 2023.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on the next working day, Tuesday, 29 August 2023.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

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EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

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 November 2023, are EUR 87 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 387 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 **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 November 2023, are CHF 106, or CHF 26 in the case of filing by an individual.

[Updating of Annex D(IN) 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 November 2023, are EUR 82 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 387 for searches carried out in English.

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

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JP Japan

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

The **Japan Patent Office (JPO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A(i) thereof. The amendment, which entered into force on 1 July 2023, consists of changes to the conditions under which the Office will act as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), pursuant to Articles 3(1) and 3(2) of the Agreement.

Since 1 July 2023, the amended Annex A reads 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:

Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam.

For the United States of America, the Authority will act under Article 3(1) provided that (a) the international application is submitted in English; and (b) the Authority has not received more than 10,000 international applications from the United States Patent and Trademark Office during the five-year period from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2028, and not more than 500 applications each quarter. Where the Authority has prepared the international search report, the Authority will also act under Article 3(2) if these conditions are met.

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-jp.pdf

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

(ii) [No change]

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CN China

New equivalent amounts in **Yuan Renminbi (CNY)** 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 new amounts, applicable from 1 November 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CNY	10,920
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CNY	120
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	CNY	1,640
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	CNY	2,460
Handling fee:	CNY	1,640

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (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 November 2023, is ISK 255,000.

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

SE Sweden

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (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 November 2023, is ISK 255,000.

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

SG Singapore

New equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** 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 new amounts, applicable from 1 November 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SGD	2,052
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SGD	23
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	SGD	309
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	SGD	463
Handling fee:	SGD	309

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	USD	1,515
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD	17
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request not being in character coded format):	USD	114
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	USD	228
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	USD	342

[Updating of Annexes C(AM), C(AP), C(AZ), C(BH), C(BW), C(BY), C(BZ), C(CL), C(CR), C(DJ), C(DO), C(EA), C(EC), C(EG), C(GE), C(GH), C(HN), C(IB), C(IL), C(IN), C(IQ), C(JM), C(JO), C(KE), C(KG), C(KH), C(KZ), C(LR), C(MD), C(MW), C(MX), C(NI), C(OM), C(PA), C(PE), C(PG), C(PH), C(QA), C(RU), C(SA), C(SC), C(SV), C(SY), C(TJ), C(TM), C(TT), C(UA), C(UG), C(US), C(UZ), C(WS), C(ZM) and C(ZW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 November 2023, is USD 228.

[Updating of Annexes E(CL), E(EA), E(EG), E(IN), E(PH), E(RU) and E(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2023, is ISK 255,000.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

MN Mongolia

The **Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia** has notified the International Bureau of changes to one of the components of the national fee. Where the fee for grant is paid after 21 September 2021, the first payment period and the amount in **Mongolian tugrik (MNT)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, are as follows:

Annual fee for the period from the 1st to the 5th year:[2]	MNT 40,000

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

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Section 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Australian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau on 31 August 2023, of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 28 July 2016, pages 163 *et seq*.

Consequently, the item below in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) is now as follows:

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.

[2] If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirements within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

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PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau that, due to inclement weather conditions, it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Friday, 1 September 2023.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on the next working day, Monday, 4 September 2023.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** 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 November 2023, are SGD 1,915 and USD 1,411, respectively.

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

CL Chile

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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2023, are as follows:

Search fee:	CHF 1,756
Reduced search fee for natural persons and legal entities:	CHF 351 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States that benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion.)

Reduced search fee for universities:	CHF 263 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee.)

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

IB International Bureau of WIPO

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)** have been established, with effect from 1 November 2023, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD 114
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD 57 Supplement for airmail: USD 11

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

PH Philippines

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 **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2023, are CHF 527, or CHF 176 where the applicant is a small entity.[1]

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

[1] A small entity refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF**) and **New Zealand dollars (NZD)**, have been established for the search fee for international searches carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2023, are CHF 1,914 and NZD 3,690 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, CHF 766 and NZD 1,476 for a small entity, and CHF 383 and NZD 738 for a micro entity.

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

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NO Norway

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Section 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Norwegian Industrial Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has provided the International Bureau with a clarification about the filing of documents in pre-conversion format as specified in its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 6 April 2023, pages 85 *et seq*.

Consequently, the item below in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) is now as follows:

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.

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XV Visegrad Patent Institute

Agreement between the Visegrad Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[1] – Amendment to Annex G

The **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(vi) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex G thereof. The amendment will enter into force on 1 January 2024.

As from 1 January 2024, the amended Annex G will read as follows:

"**Annex G**
International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority conducts international-type searches for national patent applications filed at the Hungarian, Polish and Slovak IP Offices."

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: info@sakpatenti.gov.ge

Furthermore, the Office has clarified with the International Bureau that the restrictions imposed by the national legislation of Georgia concerning the filing of international applications with foreign Offices no longer apply. The previously applicable provisions under the *Law on Patents*, Article 31 have been repealed.[2]

In addition, the Office specified its requirements concerning provisional protection after international publication, as follows:

Upon entry into the national phase, Sakpatenti as a designated Office or an elected Office shall publish the international application in Georgian language as soon as the Georgian translation is submitted and the fee for examination as to form and publication of the application is paid. From the date of publication of the application in Georgian language, the applicant shall be granted the provisional rights.

[Updating of Annex B1(GE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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1 Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-xv.pdf

2 Law of Georgia No.1791 of 5 February 1999, on Patents (as amended up to Law No.3235 of 20 July 2018): "Article 31. Repealed" (Law of Georgia No.3031 of 4 May 2010 - LHG I, No.27, 24.05.2010, Art.183).

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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 November 2023, is CHF 256.

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

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 November 2023, is SGD 1,563.

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NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** 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 November 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD	2,531
Fee per sheet in excess of 30 sheets:	NZD	29
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	NZD	381
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	NZD	571

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

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2023, are CHF 1,452 and JPY 242,200, respectively.

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

Furthermore, 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 Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2023, is CHF 1,452.

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

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GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)** 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.

Furthermore, the Office has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning the requirements for representation before the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, as follows:[3]

- an agent is not required if the applicant resides in Georgia;
- an agent is highly recommended if the applicant does not reside in Georgia.

In addition, the 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 requirements are now as follows:

Any person who is a resident of Georgia or a patent attorney of Georgia.[3]

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

[3] From 1 January 2025, an applicant not having a residence or a registered legal address in Georgia shall appoint a patent attorney of Georgia as a representative before Sakpatenti.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)** 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:

Any person who is a resident of Georgia or a patent attorney of Georgia.[4]

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

[4] From 1 January 2025, an applicant not having a residence or a registered legal address in Georgia shall appoint a patent attorney of Georgia as a representative before Sakpatenti.

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IS Iceland

The International Bureau has been notified that the short form in French of the country name “Iceland” has been changed from “Islande” to “Islande (l’)”. The corresponding two-letter code (IS) remains unchanged.

[Updating of Annexes B1(IS), C(IS) and L, and the National Chapter (Summary) (IS) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

NL Netherlands

The International Bureau has been notified that the short form of the country name “the Kingdom of the Netherlands” has been changed from “Netherlands” to “Netherlands (Kingdom of the)”. The corresponding two-letter code (NL) remains unchanged.

[Updating of Annexes B1(NL) and C(NL) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

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EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

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 **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2023, are USD 94 for searches carried out in Russian, and USD 416 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(EA) 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 December 2023, is USD 998.

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

RU Russian Federation

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 **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2023, are USD 88 for searches carried out in Russian, and USD 416 for searches carried out in English.

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

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BG Bulgaria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Section 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has provided the International Bureau with a clarification about the filing of documents in pre-conversion format as specified in its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 21 April 2016, pages 79 *et seq*.

Consequently, the item below in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) is now as follows:

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.

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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:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

CH Switzerland

In accordance with paragraphs 10 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office, with effect from 1 December 2023.[1]

[Updating of Annex B1(CH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[1] For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=12873

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES

Pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2, and in accordance with Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, an Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service (a "participating Office")[2] as a "collecting Office" may transfer to another Office (the "beneficiary Office") via the International Bureau, for PCT purposes, the following fees and differences:

– **international filing fee** (PCT Rule 15.2(c) or (d));
– **search fee** (PCT Rule 16.1(c) or (d));
– **supplementary search fee** (PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b));
– **handling fee** (PCT Rule 57.2(c) or (d)); and
– **differences relating to the search fee**[3] (PCT Rule 16.1(e)).

Between 1 July and 30 September 2023 (inclusive),[4] the following Office notified the International Bureau of its participation in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.1 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as follows:

	PCT Fee Transfers				
	International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
MK State Office of Industrial Property (North Macedonia)	*(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

[2] A participating Office may refer to any PCT receiving Office ("RO"), International Searching Authority ("ISA"), Authority specified for supplementary international search ("SISA"), or International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA").

[3] Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

[4] The complete list of Offices participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, as of 31 December 2022, is available in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 January 2023 (pages 13 *et seq*.).

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IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** 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.

Filing restrictions apply to international applications filed by residents of Italy (Legislative Decree No.30 of 10 February 2005, Article 198(1) as modified following Law No.102 of 24 July 2023, Article 8, which entered into force on 23 August 2023) – unless the international application claims the priority of a national application filed in Italy more than 60 days previously and such application has not been made subject of the official secrets regulation. The said period has been changed from 90 days to 60 days, with effect from 23 August 2023.

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GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that 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))[1] are reduced by 70% where the applicant is the inventor, a higher educational institution or an independent scientific-research unit, and by 90% where the applicant is a student, pupil or pensioner.

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Furthermore, the Office has notified the International Bureau of changes to the components of the national fee[2,3] payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes are applicable since 2 June 2023. The consolidated list of the said components is now as follows:

National fee:

For patent and utility model:

Fee for examination as to form and publication of the application:

Up to 30 pages of application materials:[4]	Equivalent in GEL of USD	100

[1] The payment of these fees shall be effected in the equivalent in **Georgian Lari (GEL)** of the amounts in **US dollars (USD)** indicated in Annex C(GE).

[2] Fees are reduced by 70% where the applicant is the inventor, a higher educational institution or an independent scientific-research unit, and by 90% where the applicant is a student, pupil or pensioner.

[3] Fees are reduced by 20% for applications filed electronically.

[4] This fee must be paid within one month from the date of request for entry into the national phase.

For each additional page over 30:[5]	Equivalent in GEL of USD	3

In addition, the Office notified the International Bureau of the deletion of the information concerning the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee accordingly, due to the cancellation of the fee for determination of the state of the art.

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CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of certain components of its national fee, in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2024, are as follows:

National fee:

Basic national fee:[6]	CAD	555 (225)[7]
Fee for reinstatement of rights (late entry into the national phase):	CAD	277

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[5] This fee must be paid within one month from the date of the invitation to pay.

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

[7] The amount in parentheses is applicable only if the applicant is entitled to pay fees at the "small entity" level. In order to be entitled to pay the reduced fee, a signed "small entity" declaration compliant with subsection 44(3) of the *Canadian Patent Rules* must, within the applicable time limit set out in subsection 154(1)(c)(i), 154(2)(a), 154(3)(a)(iii)(A), 154(3)(b)(i)(A) or 154(3)(b)(ii)(A) of the *Canadian Patent Rules*, be made by the applicant or the agent on the applicant's behalf (the declaration shall preferably follow the form of the declaration set out in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Phase, Annex CA.II).

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ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means of communication (PCT Rule 92.4) – 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, with effect from 1 January 2024.

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EP European Patent Organisation

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 **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of the following period of unavailability of one of its permitted electronic means of communication:

– Online Filing 2.0: from 3 October 2023, 14:30 CET (Central European Time) until 5 October 2023, 15:52 CET.

Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to the unavailability of the above-mentioned service during the indicated period may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82*quater*.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions, published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 November 2020, page 254.

Information concerning this unavailability has been published on the EPO website at:

https://www.epo.org/en/service-support/availability-online-services

and on the WIPO website at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/unavailability.html

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CN China

Further to the notifications published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 29 October 2020 (page 223) and 6 October 2022 (page 276), the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau of a further extension of a pilot project between the CNIPA and the European Patent Office (EPO).

Under the aforementioned pilot project, the EPO was specified as competent International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) for international applications filed by nationals and residents of China, in English, with the CNIPA or with the receiving Office of the International Bureau, from 1 December 2020 until 30 November 2022, followed by a one-year extension from 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023.

Pursuant to the consensus reached by the CNIPA and the EPO, the pilot project will be extended for another three years, from 1 December 2023 to 30 November 2026, for a maximum of 3,000 international applications per year.

The terms of the transitional phase will continue to apply, under which applicants who file an international application with the CNIPA as receiving Office and select the EPO as ISA will be required to pay the international search fee directly to the EPO, in **euros (EUR)**.[1]

In addition, applicants participating in the pilot, whose international search is performed by the EPO as ISA, may still file a demand for international preliminary examination with the EPO, in its capacity as IPEA.

For additional details, refer to:

https://www.epo.org/en/news-events/news/epo-cnipa-joint-communique-chinese-applicants-may-continue-designate-epo-isa-0 (in English); and

https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2023/10/13/art_53_187971.html (in Chinese).

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[1] For a list of fees payable to the EPO as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, refer to the Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (available at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-ep.pdf), and Annexes D(EP), SISA(EP) and E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

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HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** has notified the International Bureau that its national law now permits the applicant who files a national application with it to request an international-type search to be carried out on such application (PCT Article 15(5)). The relevant provision in the national law of Hungary is Article 69/B, *Act XXXIII of 1995 on the Protection of Inventions by Patents*.

[Updating of Annex B1(HU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means of communication (PCT Rule 92.4) – since 1 October 2023, the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of facsimile.

In addition, from the said date, all kinds of documents, except the international application, may be transmitted to the Office by e-mail at: uibm.pct@mise.gov.it; the original of any document transmitted by e-mail must be furnished within two months from the date of the transmission.

[Updating of Annex B1(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the stamp duty (*imposta di bollo*) for requesting restoration of the right of priority, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)). This new amount, applicable since 23 August 2023 when filing online, is EUR 16. The amount of EUR 16 payable when filing on paper remains unchanged.

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

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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:

– ePCT system: 20 October 2023, from 5:10 p.m. to 7:50 p.m. CEST (Central European Summer Time)

Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to the unavailability of the above-mentioned service during the indicated period may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82*quater*.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 July 2020, pages 155 *et seq*.

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

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PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following consultations undertaken by the Director General of WIPO in October 2023, in accordance with the Directives adopted by the PCT Assembly[1] and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the **international filing fee** (including the fee per sheet over 30 and fee reductions when an international application is filed in electronic form) and the **handling fee**, respectively, have been established in **various currencies**, with effect from 1 January 2024, as indicated in table 1 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current equivalent amounts in the prescribed currencies, and, in bold print, the new equivalent amounts of those fees corresponding to the amounts in Swiss francs (CHF) set out in the current Schedule of Fees.[2]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of **search fees** have been established in **receiving Offices' currencies** for all International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 January 2024, as indicated in table 2 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current equivalent amounts and, in bold print, any new equivalent amounts of the search fees fixed by the International Searching Authorities.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the **supplementary search fees** have been established in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, also with effect from 1 January 2024, for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, as indicated in table 3 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows the current and any new amounts of the supplementary search fees fixed by the Authorities, as well as the new equivalent amounts of those fees in Swiss francs (CHF), with effect from 1 January 2024.

[1] The Directives of the PCT Assembly relating to the establishment of equivalent amounts of certain fees are available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/equivalent_amounts.html

[2] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/rtax.html

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IB International Bureau of WIPO

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)** have been established, with effect from 1 January 2024, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD 109
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD 55 Supplement for airmail: [No change]

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DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes 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/

Refunds of fees are available if the ISA was the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office. For more information, refer to the instructions on the refund of search report fees and substantive examination fees, available at: https://www.oepm.es/export/sites/portal/comun/documentos_relacionados/PDF/2019_03_06_Reembolso_Tasas_IET_Resolucion.pdf

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Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2024)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on October 2, 2023	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees Item 3	
				Item 4(a)	Item 4(b)	Item 4(c)		
Reference currency Swiss franc		1,330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar		2,247	25	n.a	338	507	338	Current amount
	0.58488	**2,274**	**26**	n.a	**342**	**513**	**342**	**New amount**
CAD - Canadian dollar		1,956	22	n.a	294	441	294	Current amount
	0.67204	**1,979**	22	n.a	**298**	**446**	**298**	**New amount**
CNY - Yuan renminbi		10,920	120	n.a	1,640	2,460	1,640	Current amount *
	0.12525	**10,620**	120	n.a	**1,600**	**2,400**	**1,600**	**New amount**
DKK - Danish krone		10,250	120	n.a	1,540	2,310	1,540	Current amount
	0.12915	**10,300**	120	n.a	**1,550**	**2,320**	**1,550**	**New amount**
EUR - Euro		1,378	16	104	207	311	207	Current amount
	0.96331	**1,381**	16	104	**208**	311	**208**	**New amount**
GBP - Pound sterling		1,200	14	n.a	181	271	n.a	Current amount
	1.11145	**1,197**	**13**	n.a	**180**	**270**	n.a	**New amount**
HUF - Hungarian forint		518,700	5,900	n.a	78,000	117,000	n.a	Current amount
	0.00248	**536,300**	**6,000**	n.a	**80,600**	**121,000**	n.a	**New amount**
ILS - New Israeli shekel		**	**	n.a	**	**	818	Current amount
	0.23862	**	**	n.a	**	**	**838**	**New amount**
ISK - Icelandic krona		195,300	2,200	n.a	29,400	44,100	n.a	Current amount
	0.00658	**202,100**	**2,300**	n.a	**30,400**	**45,600**	n.a	**New amount**
JPY - Japanese yen		214,200	2,400	n.a	n.a	48,300	32,200	Current amount
	0.00611	**217,700**	**2,500**	n.a	n.a	**49,100**	**32,700**	**New amount**
KRW - Korean won		***	***	n.a	n.a	***	286,000	Current amount
	0.00067	***	***	n.a	n.a	***	**299,000**	**New amount**
NOK - Norwegian krone		15,950	180	n.a	2,400	3,600	n.a	Current amount
	0.08512	**15,630**	180	n.a	**2,350**	**3,520**	n.a	**New amount**
NZD - New Zealand dollar		2,531	29	n.a	381	571	n.a	Current amount *
	0.54593	**2,436**	**27**	n.a	**366**	**550**	n.a	**New amount**
SEK - Swedish krona		15,840	180	n.a	2,380	3,570	2,380	Current amount
	0.08316	**15,990**	180	n.a	**2,410**	**3,610**	**2,410**	**New amount**
SGD - Singapore dollar		2,052	23	n.a	309	463	309	Current amount *
	0.66659	**1,995**	23	n.a	**300**	**450**	**300**	**New amount**
USD - US dollar		1,515	17	114	228	342	228	Current amount *
	0.91459	**1,454**	**16**	**109**	**219**	**328**	**219**	**New amount**
ZAR - South African rand		28,990	330	n.a	4,360	6,540	n.a	Current amount
	0.04780	**27,820**	**310**	n.a	**4,180**	**6,280**	n.a	**New amount**

* Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2023.
** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in new Israeli shekels of the amounts in US dollars indicated above.
*** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Korean won of the amounts in Swiss francs indicated above.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2024)

International Searching Authority	**ISA/AT**		**ISA/AU**		**ISA/BR**			**ISA/CA**		
Reference currency & amount	EUR	1,775	AUD	2,200	BRL	2,525	1,685	CAD	1,684.12	
Exchange rates applicable on October 2, 2023	*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*			*Exch. Rate*		
CHF - Swiss franc		1,713		1,302		461	307		1,145	Current amount
	1.03809	**1,710**	*1.70975*	**1,287**	*5.50206*	**459**	**306**	*1.48801*	**1,132**	**New amount**
USD - US dollar		1,875		1,411 [1]		500	334		1,226	Current amount
	0.94942	**1,870**	*1.56372*	**1,407**	*5.03213*	**502**	**335**	*1.36092*	**1,237**	**New amount**
EUR - Euro				1,345		477	319		1,175	Current amount
			1.64702	**1,336**	*5.30019*	**476**	**318**	*1.43341*	1,175	**New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar										Current amount
										New amount
DKK - Danish krone										Current amount
										New amount
GBP - Pound sterling										Current amount
										New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint										Current amount
										New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona										Current amount
										New amount
JPY - Japanese yen										Current amount
										New amount
KRW - Korean won		2,572,000		1,864,000						Current amount
	0.00070	**2,536,000**	*0.00115*	**1,913,000**						**New amount**
NOK - Norwegian krone										Current amount
										New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar				2,340						Current amount
			0.93341	**2,357**						**New amount**
SEK - Swedish krona										Current amount
										New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar		2,488		1,915 [1]						Current amount
	0.69198	**2,565**	*1.13970*	**1,930**						**New amount**
ZAR - South African rand		36,760		26,950						Current amount
	0.04962	**35,770**	*0.08173*	**26,920**						**New amount**

1. Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2023.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2024)

International Searching Authority	**ISA/CL**				**ISA/CN**		**ISA/EA**			**ISA/EG**		**ISA/EP**		
Reference currency & amount	USD	2,000	400	300	CNY	2,100	RUB	40,000	9,000	EGP	4,000	EUR	1,775	
Exchange rates applicable on October 2, 2023	*Exch. Rate*				*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*			*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		
CHF - Swiss franc		1,756 [2]	351 [2]	263 [2]		256 [2]		382	86		114		1,713	Current amount
	1.09339	**1,829**	**366**	**274**	*7.98403*	**263**	*108.10811*	**370**	**83**	*33.78378*	**118**	*1.03809*	**1,710**	**New amount**
USD - US dollar						294		416 [3]	94 [3]		132		1,875	Current amount
					7.30212	**288**	*98.87459*	**405**	**91**	*30.89831*	**129**	*0.94942*	**1,870**	**New amount**
EUR - Euro		1,894	379	284		265		387 [2]	87 [2]		121			Current amount
	1.05327	**1,899**	**380**	**285**	*7.69110*	**273**	*104.14162*	**384**	**86**	*32.54426*	**123**			**New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar														Current amount
														New amount
DKK - Danish krone													13,200	Current amount
												0.13407	**13,240**	**New amount**
GBP - Pound sterling													1,546	Current amount
												1.15378	**1,538**	**New amount**
HUF - Hungarian forint													690,700	Current amount
												0.00257	690,700	**New amount**
ISK - Icelandic krona													255,000 [2]	Current amount
												0.00683	**259,900**	**New amount**
JPY - Japanese yen													266,100	Current amount
												0.00634	**280,000**	**New amount**
KRW - Korean won														Current amount
														New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone													19,970	Current amount
												0.08836	**20,090**	**New amount**
NZD - New Zealand dollar													3,064	Current amount
												0.56672	**3,132**	**New amount**
SEK - Swedish krona													20,760	Current amount
												0.08633	**20,560**	**New amount**
SGD - Singapore dollar													2,488	Current amount
												0.69198	**2,565**	**New amount**
ZAR - South African rand													36,760	Current amount
												0.04962	**35,770**	**New amount**

2. Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2023.
3. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2023.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2024)

International Searching Authority	**ISA/ES**		**ISA/FI**		**ISA/IL**		**ISA/IN**			
Reference currency & amount	EUR	1,775	EUR	1,775	ILS	3,820	INR	10,000	2,500	
Exchange rates applicable on October 2, 2023	*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*			
CHF - Swiss franc		1,713		1,713		934		106 [4]	26 [4]	Current amount
	1.03809	**1,710**	*1.03809*	**1,710**	*4.19076*	**912**	*90.90909*	**110**	**28**	**New amount**
USD - US dollar		1,875		1,875		998 [5]		121	30	Current amount
	0.94942	**1,870**	*0.94942*	**1,870**	*3.83283*	**997**	*83.14455*	**120**	30	**New amount**
EUR - Euro						948		114	28	Current amount
					4.03700	**946**	*87.57364*	114	**29**	**New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar										Current amount
										New amount
DKK - Danish krone										Current amount
										New amount
GBP - Pound sterling										Current amount
										New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint										Current amount
										New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona										Current amount
										New amount
JPY - Japanese yen								17,200	4,300	Current amount
							0.55545	**18,000**	**4,500**	**New amount**
KRW - Korean won										Current amount
										New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone										Current amount
										New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar										Current amount
										New amount
SEK - Swedish krona										Current amount
										New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar										Current amount
										New amount
ZAR - South African rand										Current amount
										New amount

4. Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2023.
5. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2023.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2024)

International Searching Authority	ISA/JP			ISA/KR			ISA/PH			ISA/RU			
Reference currency & amount	JPY	169,000	143,000	KRW	1,200,000	450,000	USD	600	200	RUB	40,000	8,500	
Exchange rates applicable on October 2, 2023	*Exch. Rate*			*Exch. Rate*			*Exch. Rate*			*Exch. Rate*			
CHF - Swiss franc		1,049	888		840	315		527 [6]	176 [6]		382	81	Current amount
	163.66612	**1,033**	**874**	*1,492.53731*	**804**	**302**	*1.09339*	**549**	**183**	*108.10811*	**370**	**79**	**New amount**
USD - US dollar		1,167	988		924	347					416 [7]	88 [7]	Current amount
	149.68740	**1,129**	**955**	*1,365.05970*	**879**	**330**				*98.87459*	**405**	**86**	**New amount**
EUR - Euro		1,127	953		831	312		564	188		387 [6]	82 [6]	Current amount
	157.66121	**1,072**	**907**	*1,437.77612*	**835**	**313**	*1.05327*	**570**	**190**	*104.14162*	**384**	82	**New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar					1,416	531							Current amount
				872.95522	**1,375**	**515**							**New amount**
DKK - Danish krone													Current amount
													New amount
GBP - Pound sterling													Current amount
													New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint													Current amount
													New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona													Current amount
													New amount
JPY - Japanese yen													Current amount
													New amount
KRW - Korean won			1,287,000										Current amount
	0.10966		**1,304,000**										**New amount**
NOK - Norwegian krone													Current amount
													New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar					1,460	547							Current amount
				814.82090	**1,473**	**552**							**New amount**
SEK - Swedish krona													Current amount
													New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar		1,563 [6]			1,215	456							Current amount
	109.09820	**1,549**		*994.91045*	**1,206**	**452**							**New amount**
ZAR - South African rand													Current amount
													New amount

6. Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2023.
7. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2023.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2024)

International Searching Authority	ISA/SE[8]		ISA/SG		ISA/TR[9]		ISA/UA			
Reference currency	SEK	20,760	SGD	2,240	TRY	32,210	EUR	300	100	
& amount	SEK	**20,560**			TRY	**51,340**				
Exchange rates applicable on October 2, 2023			*Exch. Rate*				*Exch. Rate*			
CHF - Swiss franc		1,713		1,452 [10]		1,713		289	96	Current amount
		1,710	*1.50017*	**1,493**		**1,710**	*1.03809*	289	96	**New amount**
USD - US dollar		1,875		1,664		1,875		317	106	Current amount
		1,870	*1.37204*	**1,633**		**1,870**	*0.94942*	**316**	**105**	**New amount**
EUR - Euro		1,775		1,598		1,775				Current amount
		1,775	*1.44513*	**1,550**		1,775				**New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar										Current amount
										New amount
DKK - Danish krone		13,200								Current amount
		13,240								**New amount**
GBP - Pound sterling										Current amount
										New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint										Current amount
										New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona		255,000 [10]								Current amount
		259,900								**New amount**
JPY - Japanese yen				242,200 [10]						Current amount
			0.00917	**244,300**						**New amount**
KRW - Korean won				2,218,000						Current amount
			0.00101	2,218,000						**New amount**
NOK - Norwegian krone		19,970								Current amount
		20,090								**New amount**
NZD - New Zealand dollar										Current amount
										New amount
SEK - Swedish krona										Current amount
										New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar										Current amount
										New amount
ZAR - South African rand										Current amount
										New amount

8. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2024, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.
9. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2024, to be fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.
10. Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2023.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2024)

International Searching Authority	ISA/US			ISA/XN[11]	ISA/XV		
Reference currency & amount	USD 2,180	872	436	DKK 13,200 DKK **13,240**	EUR	1,775	
Exchange rates applicable on October 2, 2023	*Exch. Rate*				*Exch. Rate*		
CHF - Swiss franc	1,914 [12]	766 [12]	383 [12]	1,713		1,713	Current amount
	1.09339 **1,994**	**798**	**399**	**1,710**	*1.03809*	**1,710**	**New amount**
USD - US dollar				1,875		1,875	Current amount
				1,870	*0.94942*	**1,870**	**New amount**
EUR - Euro	2,064	826	413	1,775			Current amount
	1.05327 **2,070**	**828**	**414**	1,775			**New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar							Current amount
							New amount
DKK - Danish krone							Current amount
							New amount
GBP - Pound sterling							Current amount
							New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint						690,700	Current amount
					0.00257	690,700	**New amount**
ISK - Icelandic krona				255,000 [12]			Current amount
				259,900			**New amount**
JPY - Japanese yen							Current amount
							New amount
KRW - Korean won							Current amount
							New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone				19,970			Current amount
				20,090			**New amount**
NZD - New Zealand dollar	3,690 [12]	1,476 [12]	738 [12]				Current amount
	0.59691 **3,652**	**1,461**	**730**				**New amount**
SEK - Swedish krona				20,760			Current amount
				20,560			**New amount**
SGD - Singapore dollar							Current amount
							New amount
ZAR - South African rand	42,250	16,900	8,450				Current amount
	0.05230 **41,680**	**16,670**	**8,340**				**New amount**

11. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2024, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.
12. Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2023.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2024)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	**ISA/AT**				**ISA/EP**		**ISA/FI**		**ISA/RU**		
Reference currency & Amount	EUR	850 [1]	1,190 [2]	1,700 [3]	EUR	1,775	EUR	1,775	Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles[4]	11,800	18,880 [5]
Exchange rate applicable on October 2, 2023	*Exch. Rate*				*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		
CHF - Swiss franc	*1.03809*	**819**	**1,146**	**1,638**	*1.03809*	**1,710**	*1.03809*	**1,710**	*108.10811*	**109**	**175**

1. For a search of the German-language documentation.
2. For a search of the European or North American documentation.
3. For a search of only the PCT minimum documentation.
4. This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
5. This fee 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).

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2024)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	**ISA/SE**		**ISA/SG**		**ISA/TR**			**ISA/UA**				
Reference currency & Amount	SEK	20,760	SGD	2,240	TRY	500 [6]	32,210	EUR	60 [7]	70 [8]	90 [9]	90 [10]
	SEK	**20,560** [11]			TRY		**51,340** [12]					
Exchange rate applicable on October 2, 2023			*Exch. Rate*					*Exch. Rate*				
CHF - Swiss franc		**1,710** [13]	*1.50017*	**1,493**		**17** [14]	**1,710** [14]	*1.03809*	**58**	**67**	**87**	**87**

6. For a search of only the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority.
7. This fee 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).
8. For a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation.
9. For a search of only the European and North American documentation.
10. For a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation.
11. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2024.
12. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2024.
13. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2024.
14. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2024.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2024)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	**ISA/XN**			**ISA/XV**			
Reference currency & Amount	DKK	4,000 [15]	13,200	EUR		550 [16]	1,775
	DKK		**13,240** [17]				
Exchange rate applicable on October 2, 2023					*Exch. Rate*		
CHF - Swiss franc		**517** [18]	**1,710** [18]		*1.03809*	**530**	**1,710**

15. For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.
16. For a search of only the documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak.
17. This amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2024.
18. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2024.

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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] - Amendment 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 January 2024. 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))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Supplementary search fees (Rule 45*bis*.3(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	650
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	650
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/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-fi.pdf .

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its Internet address, which is now as follows:

Internet: https://www.oepm.es

[Updating of Annex B1(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, and applicable from 1 January 2024, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	EUR	650
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	EUR	650

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

IB International Bureau of WIPO

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 703(a), 710(b) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **International Bureau**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 07/2004 of 12 February 2004 (pages 3796 *et seq*.), as modified by the notifications published in PCT Gazette No. 43/2005 of 27 October 2005 (page 28466), the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 8 May 2014 (pages 64 *et seq*.) and Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 February 2021 (pages 23 *et seq*.).

In particular, as from 3 October 2023, as to procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available, the applicant may use the ePCT Business Continuity Service instead of the PCT Contingency Upload Service.

Consequently, since 3 October 2023, the item concerning procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available at the International Bureau as receiving Office, in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

> **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 electronic systems when an international application is to be filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office, the applicant may use the ePCT Business Continuity Service,[2] submit documents on physical media (CD-R or DVD-R), or use a different receiving Office. In addition, the International Bureau as receiving Office will use all means available to it, such as e-mail or notices on the WIPO website, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.
>
> [Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[2] Available at: https://pctcs.wipo.int/ePCTFiling/

FILING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF NOTIFICATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE OR OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

IB International Bureau of WIPO

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance Sections 703(a), 710(a), and 713(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions, the **International Bureau** has notified changes to its notification published in Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 February 2021 (pages 23 *et seq*.).

In particular, as from 3 October 2023, as to procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available, the applicant may use the ePCT Business Continuity Service instead of the PCT Contingency Upload Service.

Consequently, since 3 October 2023, the item concerning procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available at the International Bureau, in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

> **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 electronic systems when a document is to be submitted, the applicant may use the ePCT Business Continuity Service[3] or submit documents on physical media (CD-R or DVD-R). In addition, the International Bureau will use all means available to it, such as e-mail or notices on the WIPO website, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.
>
> [Updating of Annex B2(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[3] Available at: https://pctcs.wipo.int/ePCTFiling/

EXCUSE OF DELAY IN MEETING TIME LIMITS UNDER PCT RULE 82*quater*.2: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU UNDER SECTION 111 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

IB International Bureau of WIPO

Pursuant to PCT Rule 82*quater*.2(a), and in accordance with Sections 111(c) and (d) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the International Bureau made its notification concerning excuse of delays in meeting time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication, applicable since 1 July 2020. The notification was published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 July 2020 (pages 155 *et seq.*).

The International Bureau has made some changes to the aforementioned notification, with effect from 3 October 2023. In particular, one of the permitted electronic means of communication at the International Bureau mentioned in the notification, the PCT Contingency Upload Service, has been replaced by the ePCT Business Continuity Service.

The updated notification is as follows:

1. References to the “International Bureau” shall be construed as including references to the International Bureau as receiving Office, where applicable.

2. This notification applies to all time limits fixed in the Regulations under the PCT and in the Administrative Instructions under the PCT within which an action shall be performed before the International Bureau. It also applies to time limits fixed in invitations or notifications issued to the applicant by the International Bureau. It does not apply to the priority period fixed in Article 4 of the Paris Convention.

3. The permitted electronic means of communication at the International Bureau include the ePCT system and the ePCT Business Continuity Service. Any delay in meeting time limits due to the unavailability of either the ePCT system, with or without strong authentication, or the ePCT Business Continuity Service may be excused under PCT Rule 82*quater*.2(a).

4. Delays in meeting time limits may be excused in the cases where the ePCT system or the ePCT Business Continuity Service is unavailable for more than one hour on a working day at the International Bureau.

5. Any interested party who wishes to request an excuse of delay in meeting a time limit under PCT Rule 82*quater*.2(a) before the International Bureau shall:

(i) submit a request to the International Bureau, indicating that the time limit was not met due to the unavailability of the ePCT system or the ePCT Business Continuity Service during a specific period of time, and

(ii) provide evidence that it performed the relevant action on the next working day at the International Bureau on which the ePCT system or the ePCT Business Continuity Service became available again.

6. The International Bureau will excuse a delay in meeting any time limit referred to in paragraph 2 if the conditions set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5 are met and it acknowledges that the ePCT system or the ePCT Business Continuity Service was not available for more than one hour on each of the working days during the period of time concerned. It will communicate its decision to the interested party by way of Form PCT/IB/345, or Form PCT/RO/132 when it acts as receiving Office.

7. The International Bureau will publish information on any unavailability of the ePCT system or the ePCT Business Continuity Service on its website.

8. This updated notification entered into force on 3 October 2023.

[Updating of Annex B2(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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CA Canada

Agreement between the Government of Canada and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[1] – Amendments to Annex D

The **Canadian Intellectual Property 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, which will take effect on 1 January 2024, consist of changes in the amounts of several fees payable to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

With effect from 1 January 2024, 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 (Canadian dollars)**
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,220
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,220
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,110
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,110
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1*ter* and 94.2) in electronic form	
(a) for the first 7 megabytes, plus	13[2]
(b) for each additional 10 megabytes or part thereof exceeding the first 7 megabytes	13[2]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1*ter* and 94.2), per page (paper)	[*no change*]

Part II. [No change]

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

[2] With respect to Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b), in its capacity as an International Searching Authority, the Authority provides applicants with a first copy of all non-patent literature documents cited in the international search report, free of charge. A first copy of each non-patent literature document cited is made available to designated or elected Offices upon request, free of charge. In its capacity as an International Preliminary Examining Authority, the Authority makes a first copy of all additional non-patent literature documents cited in the international preliminary examination report but not cited in the international search report available to applicants and elected Offices upon request, free of charge.

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CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2024, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	CAD	2,220
Additional search fee[3] (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	CAD	2,220
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 94.1*ter*) in electronic form		
(a) for the first 7 megabytes, plus:	CAD	13[2]
(b) for each additional 10 megabytes or part thereof exceeding the first 7 megabytes:	CAD	13[2]

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In addition, the Office notified new amounts of fees in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** payable to the Office in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, also applicable from 1 January 2024, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	CAD	1,110
Additional preliminary examination fee[4] (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	CAD	1,110
Cost of copies (Rules 71.2(b) and 94.2) in electronic form		
(a) for the first 7 megabytes, plus:	CAD	13[2]
(b) for each additional 10 megabytes or part thereof exceeding the first 7 megabytes:	CAD	13[2]

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

[3] This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.
[4] This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FIFTY-FIFTH (24TH ORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

At its fifty-fifth (24th ordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 6 to 14 July 2023 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) :

– adopted amendments to the PCT Regulations;

– appointed the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority; and

– approved the amendments to the agreement concerning the functioning of the Ukrainian national Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority.

Documents prepared for the PCT Assembly, which give detailed background information relating to the decisions taken, as well as the session report, are available on the WIPO website at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=75064

The aforementioned changes are outlined below.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

The following amendments to the PCT Regulations were adopted by the PCT Assembly.

The amendments that will enter into force on 1 July 2024 are as follows:

– Amendments to PCT Rules 26 and 29, relating to the procedure when an international application contains parts in different languages and all such languages are accepted by the competent receiving Office; and

– Amendments to the French text of Rule 82*quater*.3(c), [1] to resolve an inconsistency between the English and French texts of this Rule.

The amendments that will enter into force on 1 January 2026 are as follows:

– Amendments to PCT Rules 34, 36 and 63, relating to the definition of the minimum documentation that the International Searching Authority should consult during international search, and the minimum requirements that an International Searching Authority and an International Preliminary Examining Authority must satisfy before it can be appointed and must continue to satisfy while it remains appointed.

[1] The amended French text of Rule 82*quater*.3(c) reads as follows:
"*La prorogation d'un délai au titre de l'alinéa a) ou b) n'a pas à être prise en considération par tout office désigné ou élu si, au moment où l'information visée à l'alinéa a) ou b) est publiée, le traitement national auprès de cet office a commencé.*"

Furthermore, the PCT Assembly adopted the following Understanding with regard to the interpretation of Rules 36.1(ii) and 63.1(ii):

– "In adopting the amendments to Rules 36.1 and 63.1 setting out the minimum requirements referred to in Articles 16(3)(c) and 32(3), respectively, the Assembly agreed that, in the case of an intergovernmental organization that has been established for the collaboration between national Offices of the States that are members of that intergovernmental organization and does not itself issue patents or publish patent applications, the requirements in Rules 36.1(ii) and 63.1(ii) for the organization are that the national Offices of those States make available for consultation, as part of the minimum documentation, any patent issued, and any patent application published, by them and, where applicable, by their legal predecessor(s)."

Appointment of the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT

– The PCT Assembly appointed the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) as an International Searching Authority and an International Preliminary Examining Authority. The appointment will become effective from a date to be notified by the Office when it is ready to begin operations.

Amendment of the agreement concerning the functioning of the Ukrainian national Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority

The PCT Assembly approved the proposed amendments to the aforementioned agreement, as follows:

– The government authority of Ukraine responsible for patent processing has been changed from the State Enterprise "Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute" to the State Organization "Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations"; and

– The name of the party to the agreement with the International Bureau has been changed from "Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine" to "Ministry of Economy of Ukraine".

The text of the amended Rules is reproduced hereafter.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
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Rule 26
Checking by, and Correcting before, the Receiving Office of Certain Elements of the International Application

26.1 to 26.2*bis* [*No change*]

26.3 *Checking of Physical Requirements under Article 14(1)(a)(v)*

(a) Where the international application is filed in a language of publication, the receiving Office shall check:

(i) the international application for compliance with the physical requirements referred to in Rule 11 only to the extent that compliance therewith is necessary for the purpose of reasonably uniform international publication;

(ii) any translation furnished under Rule 12.3 or 26.3*ter* for compliance with the physical requirements referred to in Rule 11 to the extent that compliance therewith is necessary for the purpose of satisfactory reproduction.

(b) Where the international application is filed in a language which is not a language of publication, the receiving Office shall check:

(i) the international application for compliance with the physical requirements referred to in Rule 11 only to the extent that compliance therewith is necessary for the purpose of satisfactory reproduction;

(ii) any translation furnished under Rule 12.3, 12.4 or 26.3*ter* and the drawings for compliance with the physical requirements referred to in Rule 11 to the extent that compliance therewith is necessary for the purpose of reasonably uniform international publication.

26.3*bis* *[No change]*

26.3*ter* *Invitation to Correct Defects under Article 3(4)(i)*

(a) Where the abstract or any text matter of the drawings is filed in a language which is different from the language, subject to Rules 12.1*bis* and 26.3*ter*(e), of the description and the claims, the receiving Office shall, unless

(i) a translation of the international application is required under Rule 12.3(a), or

(ii) the abstract or the text matter of the drawings is in the language in which the international application is to be published,

invite the applicant to furnish a translation of the abstract or the text matter of the drawings into the language in which the international application is to be published. Rules 26.1, 26.2, 26.3, 26.3*bis*, 26.5 and 29.1 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

(b) to (d) *[No change]*

(e) Where the description of an international application is filed in a language which is different from the language of the claims, or parts of the description or parts of the claims are filed in a language which is different from the language of the remainder of this

element, and where all such languages are accepted by the receiving Office under Rule 12.1(a), the receiving Office shall, as appropriate, invite the applicant to furnish, within one month of the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office, a translation of the description or the claims, or any part thereof, such that the description and claims are in a single language which is all of the following:

(i) one of the languages contained in the description or claims as filed;

(ii) a language accepted by the International Searching Authority that is to carry out the international search; and

(iii) the language in which the international application is to be published.

Rule 12.3(c) to (e) shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

26.4 and 26.5 *[No change]*

Rule 29
International Applications Considered Withdrawn

29.1 *Finding by Receiving Office*

If the receiving Office declares, under Article 14(1)(b) and Rule 26.5 (failure to correct certain defects), or under Article 14(3)(a) (failure to pay the prescribed fees under Rule 27.1(a)), or under Article 14(4) (later finding of non-compliance with the requirements listed in items (i) to (iii) of Article 11(1)), or under Rule 12.3(d), 12.4(d) or 26.3*ter* (failure to furnish a required translation or, where applicable, to pay a late furnishing fee), or under Rule 92.4(g)(i) (failure to furnish the original of a document), that the international application is considered withdrawn:

(i) the receiving Office shall transmit the record copy (unless already transmitted), and any correction offered by the applicant, to the International Bureau;

(ii) the receiving Office shall promptly notify both the applicant and the International Bureau of the said declaration, and the International Bureau shall in turn notify each designated Office which has already been notified of its designation;

(iii) the receiving Office shall not transmit the search copy as provided in Rule 23, or, if such copy has already been transmitted, it shall notify the International Searching Authority of the said declaration;

(iv) the International Bureau shall not be required to notify the applicant of the receipt of the record copy;

(v) no international publication of the international application shall be effected if the notification of the said declaration transmitted by the receiving Office reaches the International Bureau before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed.

29.2 to 29.*4* *[No change]*

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Rule 34
Minimum Documentation

34.1 *Definition*

(a) The definitions contained in Article 2(i) and (ii) shall not apply for the purposes of this Rule. For the purposes of this Rule, “patent documents” shall include:

(i) published international applications,

(ii) published regional patents,

(iii) published national patents issued by a national Office or its legal predecessor in and after 1920,

(iv) utility certificates issued by France in and after 1920,

(v) inventors’ certificates issued by the former Soviet Union, and

(vi) applications for any of the forms of protection referred to in items (ii) to (v) above, published in and after 1920.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), the documentation referred to in Article 15(4) (“minimum documentation”) shall consist of:

(i) the “patent documents” as specified in paragraph (a) that have been made available by or on behalf of the relevant national Office or its legal successor or, as the case may be, by the International Bureau in accordance with the technical and accessibility requirements specified in the Administrative Instructions and, where applicable, with the provisions of Rule 36.1(ii), and

(ii) such other published items of non-patent literature as the International Searching Authorities shall agree upon and which shall be published in a list by the International Bureau when agreed upon for the first time and whenever changed.

(c) In addition to consulting the required documentation set forth in paragraph (b), the International Searching Authority should also preferably consult utility model documents consisting of the utility models issued, and the utility model applications published, in and after 1920 by a national Office or its legal predecessor, provided that the said utility model documents have been made available by or on behalf of the relevant national Office or its legal successor in accordance with the technical and accessibility requirements specified in the Administrative Instructions.

(d) Each national Office making its patent documents and, where applicable, its utility model documents available in accordance with the requirements specified in the Administrative Instructions shall:

(i) notify the International Bureau accordingly,

(ii) make newly published patent documents and, where applicable, utility model documents available regularly, and

(iii) provide to the International Bureau at least annually an authority file, detailing the current extent of the available patent documents and, where applicable, utility model documents in accordance with the Administrative Instructions.

(e) The International Bureau shall validate the availability of the patent and utility model documents notified in accordance with paragraph (d) and publish in the Gazette details of the documents concerned and the date from which they will become a part of the minimum documentation. The International Bureau shall administer a repository containing the authority files referred to in paragraph (d)(iii) as specified in the Administrative Instructions.

(f) Where an application is published more than once, each International Searching Authority shall be obliged to keep in its documentation only the first published version if none of the subsequently published versions contains additional matter.

(g) For the purposes of this Rule, applications and patents which have only been laid open for public inspection are not considered published applications and patents.

Rule 36
Minimum Requirements for International Searching Authorities

36.1 *Definition of Minimum Requirements*

The minimum requirements referred to in Article 16(3)(c) shall be the following:

(i) the national Office or intergovernmental organization must have at least 100 full-time employees with sufficient technical qualifications to carry out searches in the required technical fields;

(ii) that Office or organization must make available for consultation as part of the minimum documentation referred to in Rule 34, in accordance with the requirements specified in the Administrative Instructions, any patent issued, and any patent application published, by it, and where applicable by its legal predecessor(s);

(iii) that Office or organization must have in its possession, or maintain access to, at least the minimum documentation referred to in Rule 34, for search purposes in accordance with the Administrative Instructions;

(iv) that Office or organization must have in place a quality management system and internal review arrangements in accordance with the common rules of international search;

(v) that Office or organization must hold an appointment as an International Preliminary Examining Authority.

Rule 63
Minimum Requirements for International Preliminary Examining Authorities

63.1 *Definition of Minimum Requirements*

The minimum requirements referred to in Article 32(3) shall be the following:

(i) the national Office or intergovernmental organization must have at least 100 full-time employees with sufficient technical qualifications to carry out examinations in the required technical fields;

(ii) that Office or organization must make available for consultation as part of the minimum documentation referred to in Rule 34, in accordance with the requirements specified in the Administrative Instructions, any patent issued, and any patent application published, by it, and where applicable by its legal predecessor(s);

(iii) that Office or organization must have at its ready disposal at least the minimum documentation referred to in Rule 34, properly arranged for examination purposes;

(iv) that Office or organization must have in place a quality management system and internal review arrangements in accordance with the common rules of international preliminary examination;

(v) that Office or organization must hold an appointment as an International Searching Authority.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

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 2023, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	11.80	(online)
	EUR	23.59	(on paper)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	17.70	(electronic copy)
	EUR	47.16	(paper copy)
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	EUR	176.88	(request filed online)
	EUR	353.76	(request filed on paper)

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the national filing fee, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 July 2023, are as follows:

National fee:[2]

For patent:

Filing fee:[3]	EUR	58.97	(online)
	EUR	117.94	(on paper)

For utility model:

Filing fee:[3]	EUR	58.97	(online)
	EUR	117.94	(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 since 1 July 2023, are EUR 176.88 where the request is filed online and EUR 353.76 where the request is filed on paper.

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[2] 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.

[3] Includes publication and examination.

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:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

CU Cuba

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents, the **Cuban Industrial Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, both as a depositing and as an accessing Office, with effect from 1 January 2024.[4]

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

[4] For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=12897

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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 2024.

With effect from 1 March 2024, 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 (Israel new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,962
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,962
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,698
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	amount as set out in Rule 58*bis*.2
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,698
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13*ter*.1(c) and 13*ter*.2)	509
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1*ter* and 94.2), per document	49

Part II. [No change]

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: office@osim.gov.ro

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

UA Ukraine

The **State Organization "Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations" (UANIPIO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its location and mailing address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address: 1, Dmytra Hodzenka Street
Kyiv 01601
Ukraine

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

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 **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2024, are CHF 1,492, EUR 1,549 and USD 1,631, respectively.

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

IB International Bureau of WIPO

New equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** were established for the following fees payable to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, with effect since 1 January 2023, as follows:

Transmittal fee
(PCT Rule 14): EUR 104

Fee for the priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): EUR 52
Supplement for airmail: [No change]

[Updating of Annex C(IB) 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, applicable from 1 January 2024, and a new amount of the fee for priority document, applicable from 1 March 2024, both in **Israeli new shekels (ILS)** and payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	ILS	618
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ILS	98

[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 2024, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	3,962
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	3,962
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1(c)):	ILS	509
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 94.1*ter*), per document:	ILS	49

[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 2024, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	ILS	1,698
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	ILS	1,698
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.2):	ILS	509
Cost of copies (Rules 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document:	ILS	49

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

Finally, the Office also 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 from 1 January 2024, is ILS 2,264.[2]

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

NG Nigeria
IB International Bureau of WIPO

The **Patents and Designs Registry, Commercial Law Department (Nigeria)** has specified the Austrian Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Nigeria with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect since 1 December 2023.

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

[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.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea

The **Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning the name of the Office, its location and mailing address, telephone and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Administration (IPA) of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Location and mailing address:	Kinmaul Dong No.1, Bipa Street Moranbong District, Pyongyang Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Telephone:	(850-2) 18111/999 (ext. 381-8433)
E-mail:	ipa817@star-co.net.kp

In addition, the Office has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning 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 no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of facsimile.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

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 February 2024, are EUR 91 and USD 99 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 406 and USD 441 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(EA) 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 February 2024, are EUR 86 and USD 94 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 406 and USD 441 for searches carried out in English.

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

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: COMMON TIMETABLE FOR FEE LISTS AND FEE TRANSFERS

Since 1 July 2020, any PCT receiving Office ("RO"), International Searching Authority ("ISA"), Authority specified for supplementary international search ("SISA"), or International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") may participate, as a "participating Office", in the exchange of PCT fees from one Office (the "collecting Office") to another (the "beneficiary Office") via the International Bureau ("IB") for PCT purposes (the "WIPO Fee Transfer Service"), pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2 and in accordance with the provisions set out in Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

Common Timetable for Fee Lists and Fee Transfers

Following consultations with participating Offices, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.2, paragraph 8 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, a common timetable has been established for the year 2024, specifying the latest dates, each month, by which a participating Collecting Office shall establish and transmit fee transfer information to the International Bureau; and by which the lists of fees to be transferred, and the amounts of fees indicated in said lists, shall be established and transmitted to, and from, the International Bureau.

The common timetable established for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2024 is as follows:

Cycle	Calendar month (2024)	PCT Fee Transfer Service Month (Invoice Period)	Fee Transfer Service	Last date for documentation notification to IB (12h00 CET)	Receiving Office payment cut-off value date	PCT Fee Transfer Service Statement Reports	PCT Fee Transfer Service Settlement Date
1	January	Dec. 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Monday 22-Jan-2024	Tuesday 23-Jan-2024	Friday 26-Jan-2024	Monday 29-Jan-2024
2	February	Jan. 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 21-Feb-2024	Thursday 22-Feb-2024	Monday 26-Feb-2024	Thursday 29-Feb-2024
3	March	Feb. 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 21-Mar-2024	Friday 22-Mar-2024	Tuesday 26-Mar-2024	Friday 29-Mar-2024
4	April	Mar. 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Monday 22-Apr-2024	Tuesday 23-Apr-2024	Friday 26-Apr-2024	Monday 29-Apr-2024
5	May	Apr. 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 23-May-2024	Friday 24-May-2024	Monday 27-May-2024	Thursday 30-May-2024
6	June	May 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 20-Jun-2024	Friday 21-Jun-2024	Monday 24-Jun-2024	Thursday 27-Jun-2024
7	July	June 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 24-Jul-2024	Thursday 25-Jul-2024	Monday 29-Jul-2024	Wednesday 31-Jul-2024
8	August	July 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 22-Aug-2024	Friday 23-Aug-2024	Monday 26-Aug-2024	Thursday 29-Aug-2024
9	September	Aug. 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Monday 23-Sep-2024	Tuesday 24-Sep-2024	Thursday 26-Sep-2024	Monday 30-Sep-2024
10	October	Sept. 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Monday 21-Oct-2024	Tuesday 22-Oct-2024	Thursday 24-Oct-2024	Monday 28-Oct-2024
11	November	Oct. 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 21-Nov-2024	Friday 22-Nov-2024	Monday 25-Nov-2024	Friday 29-Nov-2024
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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XV Visegrad Patent Institute

Agreement between the Visegrad Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[1] - Amendment to Annex D

The **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2024.

With effect from 1 January 2024, 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))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
International-type search fee If requested in HU, PL, SK national application If requested in other national application	 600 800
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45*bis*.3(a)), full search	[No change]
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 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]

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

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) and (2) [No change]

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search carried out by any of the national Offices of the Contracting States, 40% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded. Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier international search report or international-type search report, 50% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded. There shall be no refund of the whole of the search fee paid, or waiver or reduction of the search fee.

(4) to (7) [No change]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau that it is not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from Monday, 18 December 2023 to Tuesday, 2 January 2024 (inclusive).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application is required to reach the Office falls on one of the aforementioned days, that period expires on the next working day, Wednesday, 3 January 2024.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/ClosedDates.xhtml

PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau that it is not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on the following dates:

– Friday, 15 December 2023;

– Wednesday, 20 December 2023 to Friday, 22 December 2023 (inclusive); and

– Tuesday, 26 December 2023 to Friday, 29 December 2023 (inclusive).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application is required to reach the Office falls on one of the aforementioned days, that period expires on the first following working day when the Office reopens to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/ClosedDates.xhtml

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 2024, 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 2024,
29 March 2024,
1 April 2024,
9 May 2024,
1 August 2024,
5 September 2024, and
25 and 31 December 2024.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** 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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

TT Trinidad and Tobago

The **Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)** has notified the International Bureau that the correct name of the Office is the following:

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Office, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)

[Updating of Annex B1(TT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

HU Hungary

New equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (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 March 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	HUF	468,300
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	HUF	5,300
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	HUF	70,400
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	HUF	105,600

[Updating of Annex C(HU) 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 March 2022, are ZAR 34,760 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 17,380 for a small entity and ZAR 8,690 for a micro entity.

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

ZA South Africa

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 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 March 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	22,950
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	260
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	ZAR	3,450
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	ZAR	5,180

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

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: FEE TRANSFERS PART OF THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES

Since 1 July 2020[1] any PCT receiving Office ("RO"), International Searching Authority ("ISA"), Authority specified for supplementary international search ("SISA"), or International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") may participate, as a "participating Office", in the exchange of PCT fees from one Office (the "collecting Office") to another (the "beneficiary Office") via the International Bureau ("IB") for PCT purposes (the "WIPO Fee Transfer Service"), pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2 and in accordance with the provisions set out in Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

An Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service as a collecting Office may transfer the following fees and related differences, in accordance with Annex G of the Administrative Instructions:

- **international filing fee** (Rule 15.2(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of the International Bureau;
- **search fee** (Rule 16.1(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority;
- **supplementary search fee** (Rule 45*bis*.3(b)) collected by the International Bureau for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an Authority specified for supplementary search;
- **handling fee** (Rule 57.2(c) or (d)) collected by an International Preliminary Examining Authority for the benefit of the International Bureau; and
- **differences relating to the search fee** (Rule 16.1(e)) received by an Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority in a currency other than its fixed currency.[2]

Furthermore, pursuant to Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 3, the transfer of the above fees and differences, from the collecting Office to the International Bureau for the further transfer to the beneficiary Office, is considered to be the transfer of said fees in accordance with the applicable Rule, and is not considered to be a payment by the collecting Office to a third party.

[1] For details, refer to the Report of the fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union), available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/pct_a_51/pct_a_51_4.pdf

[2] Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

List of PCT Fee Transfers that are Part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service

In accordance with Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 7 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the list of the PCT fee transfers that are part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for each participating Office[3] as of 31 December 2021 (inclusive), is as follows:

	PCT Fee Transfers				
	International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, SE	n/a	n/a	n/a
AT Austrian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/AP, BR, CO, CU, EG, GE, IB, IN, JO, KE, KR, MA, MX, OA, OM, PE, SG, TT, UG, VN, ZA	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in EUR, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/AT* (BH, DJ, DZ, GH, KP, LR, LS, LY, SY, ZM, ZW)

[3] Rows relating to participating Offices having an agreement with the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the *Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)* are identified by light grey shading.

PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	**International Filing Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
AU Australian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/KR as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB, IN, JO, KE, KR, MY, NZ, OM, SG, US, VN, ZA	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in AUD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/AU* (BN, GH, ID, LR, PG, TH, ZW)
AZ Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
BG Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
BR National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, SE, US as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB, CO, CU, PE	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in CHF, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/BR* (PA)
BY National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
CA Canadian Intellectual Property Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: (n/a) as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB, SA	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in CAD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/CA* (BZ)
CH Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
CL National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, ES, KR, US as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/CO, CR, CU, DO, IB, MX. PE, TT	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in USD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/CL* (EC, PA, SV)
CN China National Intellectual Property Administration (China)	Collecting RO	as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB, KE	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in CNY, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/CN* (GH, KH, KP, LR, TH, ZW)
CO Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, BR, CL, EP, ES, KR, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
CR Registry of Intellectual Property (Costa Rica)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/CL, EP, ES	n/a	n/a	n/a
CU Cuban Industrial Property Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, BR, CL EP, ES, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a

PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	**International Filing Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
CZ Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
DE German Patent and Trade Mark Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
DK Danish Patent and Trademark Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, SE, XN	n/a	n/a	n/a
DO National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/CL, EP, ES, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
EA Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
EE Estonian Patent Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
EG Egyptian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, US as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB, OM, QA, SA, SD	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in EGP, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/EG* (DJ, SY)

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
EP European Patent Office (EPO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: n/a as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/AP, AT, AZ, BG, BR, BY, CH, CL, CO, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DO, EE, EG, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, GR, HR, HU, IB, IE, IL, IN, IR, IS, IT, JO, JP, KE, KZ, LV, MA, MD, ME, MX, MY, NI, NO, NZ, OA, OM, PE, PH, PL, PT, QA, RO, RS, RU, SA, SD, SE, SG, SI, SK, TN, TR, TT, UG, US, VN, ZA	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in EUR, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/EP* (AL, AM, BA. BH, BN, BW, BZ, CN, CY, DJ, DZ, EA, EC, GH, HN, HR, ID, KG, KH, KN, LR, LS, LT, LU, LY, MK, MN, MT, MW, NL, PA, RW, SC, SV, SY, TH, TJ, TM, UA, UZ, WS, ZW)
ES Spanish Patent and Trademark Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/CL, CO, CR, CU, DO, IB, MX, NI, PE	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in EGP, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/ES* (EC, HN, PA, SV)

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
FI Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, SE as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: n/a *(specified only by participant RO/FI)*
FR National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
GB Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
GE National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)	*(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, IL, RU, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
GR Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
HR State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
HU Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
IB International Bureau of WIPO (as Receiving Office)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for all participating ISAs, from applicants filing through* RO/IB	n/a	n/a	n/a
ID Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AU, EP, JP, KR, RU, SG	n/a	n/a	n/a
IE Intellectual Property Office of Ireland	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
IL Israel Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, US as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/GE, IB, US	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in USD*
IN Indian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, EP, JP, SE, US as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB, IR, JP	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in INR*
IR Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran**)**	Collecting RO	Collecting RO *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, IN, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
IS Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, SE, XN	n/a	n/a	n/a

PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	**International Filing Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
IT Italian Patent and Trademark Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
JO Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)	*(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, EP, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
JP Japan Patent Office (JPO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, IN, SG as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB, IN, KR, MY, PH, SG, US, VN	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in JPY, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/JP* (BN, ID, KH, TH)
KE Kenya Industrial Property Institute	*(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, CN, EP, SE	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
KR Korean Intellectual Property Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collects search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, JP, SG as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/AU, CL, CO, IB, MX, MY, NZ, PE, PH, SA, SG, US, VN	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in KRW, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/KR* (BN, ID, KH, MN, TH)
KZ National Institute Of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
LV Latvian Patent Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: collects search fees for ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
MA Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, RU, SE	n/a	n/a	n/a
MD State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
ME Ministry of Economic Development, Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
MX Mexican Institute of Industrial Property	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, CL, EP, ES, KR, SE, SG, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
MY Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AU, EP, JP, KR	n/a	n/a	n/a
NI Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, ES	n/a	n/a	n/a
NO Norwegian Industrial Property Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, SE, XN	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
NZ Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AU, EP, KR, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
OA African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, RU, SE	n/a	n/a	n/a
OM Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, EG, EP, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
PE National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, BR, CL, EP, ES, KR, US	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
PH Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AU, EP, JP, KR, US as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: n/a *(specified only by participant RO/PH)*
PL Patent Office of the Republic of Poland	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
PT National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
QA Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EG, EP, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
RO State Office For Inventions And Trademarks (Romania)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
RS Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
RU Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/AZ, BG, BY, CO, CU, GE, IB, IR, KZ, LV, MA, MD, OA, RO, SA, US, VN	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in RUB, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/RU* (AM, EA, ID, KG, KP, LT, MN, SY, TJ, TM, UA, UZ, ZW)
SA Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/CA, EG. EP, KR, RU, SG, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
SD Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department (Sudan)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EG, EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
SE Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, XN as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/AP, BR, DK, FI, IB, IN, IS, KE, MA, MX, NO, OA, TT, VN	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in SEKP, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/SE* (GH, LR, ZM)
SG Intellectual Property Office of Singapore	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, EP, JP, KR as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB, JP, KR, MX, SA, UG, US, VN	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in SGD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/SG* (BN, ID, KH, TH)
SI Slovenian Intellectual Property Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
SK Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
TN National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
TR Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: n/a *(specified only by participant RO/TR)*
TT Intellectual Property Office, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, CL, EP, SE, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
UA National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise "Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)"	*(not yet participating as RO)*	as Collecting RO: *(not yet participating as RO)* Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in USD (specified only by non-participating RO/UA)*

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
UG Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, SG	n/a	n/a	n/a
US United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AU, EP, IL, JP, KR, RU, SG as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/BR, CL, DO, EG, GE, IB, IL, IN, JO, MX, NZ, OM, PE, PH, QA, SA, TT, ZA	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in USD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/US* (BH, KN, PA, TH)
VN Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam)	*(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, EP, JP, KR, SG, SE, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
XN Nordic Patent Institute	n/a	as Collecting RO: (n/a) as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/DK, IB, IS, NO, SE	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in DKK*

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
ZA Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, EP, US	n/a	n/a	n/a

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DZ Algeria

The **Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone number and e-mail address, as follows:

Telephone: (213-21) 73 59 39

E-mail: e-pct@inapi.org

In addition, the Office notified that it would 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), provided that the delivery service is located in Algeria.

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

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BR Brazil

In accordance with 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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2022, are CHF 275 when filing online, and CHF 412 when filing on paper.

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

DZ Algeria

The **Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau of the amount of the fee for priority document, in **Algerian dinars (DZD)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 25 December 2002, is as follows:

Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): DZD 400 per page

[Updating of Annex C(DZ) 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 receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2022, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	75.75
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	30.28

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

IL Israel

In accordance with 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 2022, are CHF 1,078, EUR 1,041 and USD 1,174, respectively.

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

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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 preliminary examination fee and the additional fee for international preliminary examination, will enter into force on 11 March 2022.

With effect from 11 March 2022, 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))	[No change][2]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change][2]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	595.37[2]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	595.37[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/pct/en/texts/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

SL Sierra Leone

The **Administrator and Registrar General's Department (Sierra Leone)** has notified the International Bureau of an e-mail address, as well as of a change to its telephone number, as follows:

Telephone: (232-76) 612 437

E-mail: elizaasaccoh@yahoo.com

In addition, the Office notified changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of telecommunication.

Furthermore, the Office notified that the provisions of the law of Sierra Leone concerning international-type search are available under Section 19 of the *Patents and Industrial Design Act, 2012*.

Finally, the Office specified its requirements concerning provisional protection after international publication, as follows:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:

– Relief may be sought in respect of acts committed before the grant of the patent but after the date on which international publication was effected in English. Where the international publication was effected in a language other than English, relief may be sought provided that the applicant had transmitted an English translation of the international publication to the infringer and only in respect of acts committed by the latter after he had received the translation. (Section 48 of the *Patents and Industrial Design Act, 2012*).

Where the designation is made for the purposes of an ARIPO patent:

– None

[Updating of Annex B1(SL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Due to inclement weather conditions, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Monday, 3 January 2022 and Friday, 7 January 2022.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on Tuesday, 4 January 2022, or Monday, 10 January 2022, respectively.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closure, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

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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 2022, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	BYN	78.40
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	BYN	67.20

[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 changes to the amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 11 March 2022, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee[3] (PCT Rule 58):	EUR	595.37
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):[3, 4]	EUR	595.37

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

[3] The 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". Refer to: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/oepm_fee_reduction.html

[4] This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

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,[5, 6] in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2022, as follows:

For patent:		
Filing fee:	BYN	78.40
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	33.60
Examination fee:	BYN	380.80
Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	224
Annual fee for the third year:	BYN	78.40
For utility model:		
Filing fee:	BYN	156.80
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	78.40

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

NG Nigeria

The **Commercial Law Department (Patents and Designs Registry) (Nigeria)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **Nigerian nairas (NGN)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. The new amount is as follows:

National fee:		
Filing fee:	NGN	25,000

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

[6] 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.

PE Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau of a new component of its national fee, in **Peruvian soles (PEN)**, as follows:

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee[7]		[No change]
Additional fee for each claim in excess of 10	PEN	23.43

For utility model:

Filing fee[7]		[No change]
Additional fee for each claim in excess of 10	PEN	39.50

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

VN Viet Nam

The **Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam)** has notified the International Bureau of an extension of the temporary change concerning exemption, reduction or refund of the filing fee component of the national fee. For the period from 1 January to 30 June 2022, the amount of the national filing fee, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, is reduced by 50%.

For additional information, refer to Circular No. 120/2021/TT-BTC dated December 24, 2021 of the Ministry of Finance of Viet Nam.

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[7] Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand),** in its capacity as receiving Office, hereby notifies the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from April 1, 2022, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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: (66-2) 547 4304
- by e-mail at: ro-th-pct@ipthailand.go.th

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 (www.ipthailand.go.th)

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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

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States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

IQ Iraq

On 31 January 2022, **Iraq** deposited its instrument of accession to the *Patent Cooperation Treaty* (PCT), and will become bound by the PCT on **30 April 2022**. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 30 April 2022 will automatically include the designation of Iraq (country code: IQ).

Iraq 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 30 April 2022.

Furthermore, as from 30 April 2022, nationals and residents of Iraq will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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JP Japan

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

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex D thereof. These amendments, which consist of changes to the amounts of the search fee (Rule 16.1(a)), additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)), preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)), additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) and the conditions for and extent of refunds or reductions of fees, will enter into force on 1 April 2022.

With effect from 1 April 2022, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Japanese yen)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	143,000[2]
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in English)	169,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	105,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in English)	168,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)) (for an application in Japanese)	34,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)) (for an application in English)	69,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	28,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in English)	45,000
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1*ter* and 94.2), per request	[No change]

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) [No change]

(2) The amount of either 57,000 Japanese yen (for an application in Japanese)[3] or 67,000 Japanese yen (for an application in English) shall be refunded upon request by the applicant where the Authority benefits from one of the following earlier searches to a considerable extent:

(i) and (ii)[No change]

(3) and (4) [No change]

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[2] This fee is reduced for (i) applications filed in Japanese or (ii) applications to which translations into Japanese have been furnished, for the purposes of International Search under Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as applicants who are small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises, and academic institutions. For further details on the eligibility, see: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/patent/pct/tesuryo/pct_keigen_shinsei.html

[3] The amount of any refund of search fees will be reduced where the fee reductions stated in footnote 1 [*Editor's Note:* footnote 2 of this document] are applicable.

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JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2022, is JPY 17,000.

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

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of fees, in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2022 are as follows:

Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	143,000[4]
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in English)	169,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	105,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in English)	168,000

In addition, the Office has notified a change to the conditions for refund and amounts of refund of the search fee payable for an international search carried out by the Office, applicable from 1 April 2022. The consolidated list of these conditions and amounts will read as follows:

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) The amount of either 57,000 Japanese yen (for an application in Japanese)[5] or 67,000 Japanese yen (for an application in English) shall be refunded upon request by the applicant where the Authority benefits from one of the following earlier searches to a considerable extent:

(i) where the international application claims the priority of an earlier international application which has been the subject of an international search made by the Authority, the international search of the earlier international application;

[4] This fee is reduced for (i) applications filed in Japanese or (ii) applications to which translations into Japanese have been furnished, for the purposes of International Search under Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as applicants who are small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises, and academic institutions. For further details on the eligibility, see https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/patent/pct/tesuryo/pct_keigen_shinsei.html.

[5] The amount of any refund of search fees will be reduced where the fee reductions stated in footnote 3 are applicable.

(ii) the earlier search of a Japanese national application for a patent or for a utility model registration which was filed by the same applicant as that of the international application.

(3) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(4) As long as the refund of the search fee (in the case where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search) and the refund of the preliminary examination fee (in the case where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination) continue not to be compatible with the national law applicable to the Authority, the Authority may abstain from refunding those fees.

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

Lastly, the Office notified new amounts of fees, in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, from 1 April 2022, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)) (for an application in Japanese)	34,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)) (for an application in English)	69,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	28,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in English)	45,000

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

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

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents ("DAS"), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly.

Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and 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) in a wide variety of media and formats.

Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, or Section 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, are published by the International Bureau at:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

CA Canada

Following notification of participation in DAS as an accessing Office (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette), dated 28 November 2019, p. 188), in accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office, with effect since 1 February 2022.

[Updating of Annex B1(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IE Ireland

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 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 an accessing office, with effect from 17 February 2022.

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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FIFTY-THIRD (23RD ORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

At its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) approved the following changes affecting the PCT System:

– amendments to the PCT Regulations; and

– appointment of a new International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

Documents prepared for the Assembly, which give detailed background information relating to the decisions taken, as well as the session report, are available on the WIPO website at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=62980

The aforementioned changes are outlined below.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

The amendments to the PCT Regulations that were approved by the Assembly will enter into force on 1 July 2022 and are as follows:

– Amendments to PCT Rules 5, 12, 13*ter*, 19 and 49, relate to implementation in the PCT of WIPO Standard ST.26 “Recommended Standard for the Presentation of Nucleotide and Amino Acid Sequence Listings using XML (eXtensible Markup Language)” and shall apply to any international application with an international filing date that is on or after 1 July 2022;

– Amendments to Rule 82*quater*, relate to strengthening safeguards for applicants and third parties in the case of a general disruption that affects meeting time limits under the Regulations and shall apply to any time limit fixed in the Regulations that expires on or after 1 July 2022.

Appointment of the Eurasian Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT

– The Assembly appointed the Eurasian Patent Office as an International Searching Authority and an International Preliminary Examining Authority. The appointment will become effective from a date to be notified by the Office when it is ready to begin operations.

The text of the new and amended Rules is reproduced hereafter.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 July 2022)

Rule 5
The Description

5.1 [*No change*]

5.2 *Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosure*

(a) Where the international application contains disclosure of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences that, pursuant to the Administrative Instructions, are required to be included in a sequence listing, the description shall include a sequence listing part of the description complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions.

(b) Language-dependent free text included in the sequence listing part of the description shall not be required to be included in the main body of the description.

Rule 12
Language of the International Application and Translations for the Purposes of International Search and International Publication

12.1 *Languages Accepted for the Filing of International Applications*

(a) to (c) [*No change*]

(d) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), any language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description shall be filed in a language which the receiving Office accepts for that purpose. Any language accepted under this paragraph but not accepted under paragraph (a) shall meet the requirements of paragraph (b). The receiving Office may permit but shall not require the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language in accordance with the Administrative Instructions.

12.1*bis* to 12.2 [*No change*]

12.3 *Translation for the Purposes of International Search*

(a) [*No change*]

(a-*bis*) For any sequence listing part of the description, paragraph (a) shall only apply to the language-dependent free text; any translation of the language-dependent free text shall be provided in accordance with the Administrative Instructions.

(b) Paragraph (a) shall not apply to the request.

(c) to (e) [*No change*]

12.4 *Translation for the Purposes of International Publication*

(a) [*No change*]

(a-*bis*) For any sequence listing part of the description, paragraph (a) shall only apply to the language-dependent free text; any translation of the language-dependent free text shall be provided in accordance with the Administrative Instructions.

(b) Paragraph (a) shall not apply to the request.

(c) to (e) [*No change*]

Rule 13*ter*
Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Listings

13*ter*.1 *Procedure before the International Searching Authority*

(a) Where the international application contains disclosure of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences that, pursuant to the Administrative Instructions, are required to be included in a sequence listing, the International Searching Authority may invite the applicant to furnish to it, for the purposes of the international search, a sequence listing complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions, unless such listing is already available to it in a form, language and manner acceptable to it, and to pay to it, where applicable, the late furnishing fee referred to in paragraph (c), within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

(b) [*Deleted*]

(c) The furnishing of a sequence listing in response to an invitation under paragraph (a) may be subjected by the International Searching Authority to the payment to it, for its own benefit, of a late furnishing fee whose amount shall be determined by the International Searching Authority but shall not exceed 25% of the international filing fee referred to in item 1 of the Schedule of Fees, not taking into account any fee for each sheet of the international application in excess of 30 sheets.

(d) If the applicant does not, within the time limit fixed in the invitation under paragraph (a), furnish the required sequence listing and pay any required late furnishing fee, the International Searching Authority shall only be required to search the international application to the extent that a meaningful search can be carried out without the sequence listing.

(e) Any sequence listing not contained in the international application as filed, whether furnished in response to an invitation under paragraph (a) or otherwise, shall not form part of the international application, but this paragraph shall not prevent the applicant from amending the description in relation to a sequence listing pursuant to Article 34(2)(b).

(f) [*Deleted*]

13*ter*.2 and 13*ter*.3 [*No change*]

Rule 19
The Competent Receiving Office

19.1 to 19.3 [*No change*]

19.4 *Transmittal to the International Bureau as Receiving Office*

(a) Where an international application is filed with a national Office which acts as a receiving Office under the Treaty but

(i) that national Office is not competent under Rule 19.1 or 19.2 to receive that international application, or

(ii) that international application is not in a language accepted under Rule 12.1(a) or the language dependent free text contained within the sequence listing part of the description is not in a language accepted under Rule 12.1(d) by that national Office but is in a language accepted under that Rule by the International Bureau as receiving Office, or

(ii-*bis*) all or part of the international application is filed in electronic form in a format not accepted by that national Office, or

(iii) that national Office and the International Bureau agree, for any reason other than those specified under items (i), (ii) and (ii-*bis*), and with the authorization of the applicant, that the procedure under this Rule should apply, that international application shall, subject to paragraph (b), be considered to have been received by that Office on behalf of the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii).

(b) and (c) [*No change*]

Rule 49
Copy, Translation and Fee under Article 22

49.1 to 49.4 [*No change*]

49.5 *Contents of and Physical Requirements for the Translation*

(a) [*No change*]

(a-*bis*) No designated Office shall require the applicant to furnish to it a translation of any text matter contained in the sequence listing part of the description if such sequence listing part complies with Rule 12.1(d) and includes the language-dependent free text in a language which the designated Office accepts for the purpose, save that a designated Office which supplies published sequence listings to database providers may require a translation of the sequence listing part of the description into English, in accordance with the Administrative Instructions, where the language-dependent free text is not included in English.

(b) to (l) [*No change*]

49.6 [*No change*]

Rule 82*quater*
Excuse of Delay in Meeting Time Limits and Extension of Time Limits

82*quater*.1 *Excuse of Delay in Meeting Time Limits*

(a) Any interested party may offer evidence that a time limit fixed in the Regulations for performing an action before the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search, the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the International Bureau was not met due to war, revolution, civil disorder, strike, natural calamity, epidemic, a general unavailability of electronic communications services or other like reason in the locality where the interested party resides, has his place of business or is staying, and that the relevant action was taken as soon as reasonably possible.

(b) and (c) [*No change*]

(d) The need for evidence may be waived by the Office, Authority or the International Bureau under the conditions set and published by that Office, Authority or the International Bureau, as the case may be. In such case, the interested party must submit a statement that the failure to meet the time limit was due to the reason for which the Office, Authority or the International Bureau waived the requirement concerning the submission of evidence. The Office or Authority shall notify the International Bureau accordingly.

82*quater*.2 [*No change*]

82*quater*.3 *Extension of Time Limits due to General Disruption*

(a) Any receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search, International Preliminary Examining Authority or the International Bureau may establish a period of extension such that time limits fixed in the Regulations within which a party has to perform an action before that Office, Authority or International Bureau may be extended when the State in which it is located is experiencing a general disruption caused by an event listed in Rule 82*quater*.1(a) which affects the operations at the said Office, Authority or International Bureau thereby interfering with the ability of parties to perform actions before that Office, Authority or International Bureau within the time limits fixed in the Regulations. The Office, Authority or the International Bureau shall publish the commencement and the end date of any such period of extension. The period of extension shall not be longer than two months from the date of commencement. The Office or Authority shall notify the International Bureau accordingly.

(b) After establishing a period of extension under paragraph (a), the Office, Authority or the International Bureau concerned may establish additional periods of extension, if necessary under the circumstances. In that case, paragraph (a) applies *mutatis mutandis*.

(c) The extension of a time limit under paragraph (a) or (b) need not be taken into account by any designated or elected Office if, at the time the information referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) is published, national processing before that Office has started.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

JM Jamaica

General information on **Jamaica** as a PCT Contracting State is now available in Annex B1(JM), which is published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

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JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)**, **Korean won (KRW) and US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office** when an application has been filed in Japanese. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2022, are CHF 1,149, EUR 1,108, KRW 1,493,000 and USD 1,248, respectively.

Furthermore, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office** when an application has been filed in English. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2022, are CHF 1,358, EUR 1,310, SGD 1,991 and USD 1,475, respectively.

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

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JM JAMAICA JM

General information

Name of Office:	Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO)
Location and mailing adress:	18 Trafalgar Road, Kingston 10, Jamaica
Telephone: E-mail: Internet:	(876) 946 1300 info@jipo.gov.jm https://www.jipo.gov.jm
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by e-mail
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	No, only upon invitation
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
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Jamaica:	Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Jamaica is designated (or elected):	Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO)
May Jamaica be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models (utility models may be sought in addition to a patent)
Provisions of the law of Jamaica concerning international-type search:	Section 20(2)(b) of the Patents and Designs Act (Act No.1 of 2020)
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Jamaica is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Information of interest if Jamaica is designated (or elected)

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No

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MODIFICATIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation, pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), with Offices, Authorities, and certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system, modifications to Sections 204, 207, 208, 313, 332, 333, 335, 405, 513, 610, 707 and Annex C of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, were promulgated[1] with effect from 1 July 2022.

The main purpose of these modifications is to implement the new WIPO Standard ST.26 in the PCT as the means for presentation of nucleotide and amino acid sequences in international applications.

The text of the modifications to the Administrative Instructions as in force from 1 July 2022 (PCT/AI/22 ADD.) is available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/

TEXT OF MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS
(as in force from 1 July 2022)

PART 2
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

Section 204
Headings of the Parts of the Description

(a) The headings of the parts of the description shall preferably be as follows:

(i) for matter referred to in Rule 5.1(a)(i), “Technical Field”;

(ii) for matter referred to in Rule 5.1(a)(ii), “Background Art”;

(iii) for matter referred to in Rule 5.1(a)(iii), “Disclosure of Invention” or “Summary of Invention”;

(iv) for matter referred to in Rule 5.1(a)(iv), “Brief Description of Drawings”;

(v) for matter referred to in Rule 5.1(a)(v), “Best Mode for Carrying out the Invention,” or, where appropriate, “Mode(s) for Carrying out the Invention” or “Description of Embodiments”;

(vi) for matter referred to in Rule 5.1(a)(vi), “Industrial Applicability”.

(vii) *[Deleted]*

(viii) *[Deleted]*

(b) The heading “Title of Invention” shall preferably precede the title of the invention.

[1] Refer to Circular C. PCT 1636 of 9 February 2022.

Section 207
Arrangement of Elements and Numbering of Sheets of the International Application

(a) In effecting the sequential numbering of the sheets of the international application in accordance with Rule 11.7, the elements of the international application shall be placed in the following order:

(i) the request;

(ii) the description (excluding the sequence listing part of the description referred to in Rule 5.2(a));

(iii) the claims;

(iv) the abstract;

(v) if applicable, the drawings.

(vi) *[Deleted]*

Any sequence listing part of the description shall be presented in a separate electronic file in accordance with Annex C.

(b) The sequential numbering of the sheets shall be effected by using the following separate series of numbering:

(i) the first series applying to the request only and commencing with the first sheet of the request;

(ii) the second series commencing with the first sheet of the description (as referred to in paragraph (a)(ii)) and continuing through the claims until the last sheet of the abstract;

(iii) if applicable, a further series applying to the sheets of the drawings only and commencing with the first sheet of the drawings; the number of each sheet of the drawings shall consist of two Arabic numerals separated by a slant, the first being the sheet number and the second being the total number of sheets of drawings (for example, 1/3, 2/3, 3/3).

Section 208
Sequence Listings

Any sequence listing, whether forming part of the international application or not forming part of the international application, shall comply with Annex C. Sequences and references to sequences included in the main part of the description, claims and drawings shall also comply with Annex C.

PART 3
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE RECEIVING OFFICE

Section 313
Documents Filed with the International Application; Manner of Marking the Necessary Annotations in the Check List

(a) Any power of attorney, any priority document, any fee calculation sheet and any separate sheet referred to in Section 209(a) containing indications as to deposited biological material, filed with the international application shall accompany the record copy; any other document referred to in Rule 3.3(a)(ii) shall be sent only at the specific request of the International Bureau. If any document which is indicated in the check list as accompanying the international application is not, in fact, filed at the latest by the time the record copy leaves the receiving Office, that Office shall so note on the check list and the said indication shall be considered as if it had not been made.

(b) Where, under Rule 3.3(b), the receiving Office itself completes the check list, that Office shall enter, in the margin, the words “COMPLETED BY RO” or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application. Where only some of the indications are completed by the receiving Office, the said words and each indication completed by that Office shall be identified by an asterisk.

Section 332
Notification of Languages Accepted by the Receiving Office under Rules 12.1(a), (c) and (d) and 12.4(a)

(a) Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages which, having regard to Rule 12.1(b), it is prepared to accept under Rule 12.1(a) for the filing of international applications.

(a-*bis*) Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description.

(b) Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of any change to the information notified under paragraphs (a), (a-*bis*), (d) and (e). If the change means that

(i) the receiving Office is no longer prepared to accept the filing of international applications in a language that it had previously notified the International Bureau that it was prepared to accept; or

(ii) the receiving Office is no longer prepared to accept the translation of international applications into a language of publication that it had previously notified the International Bureau that it was prepared to accept; or

(iii) the receiving Office is no longer prepared to accept the filing of requests in a language that it had previously notified the International Bureau that it was prepared to accept; or

(iv) the receiving Office is no longer prepared to accept the filing of the sequence listing part of the description containing language-dependent free text in a language that it had previously notified the International Bureau that it was prepared to accept,

the effective date of such change shall be two months after the date of publication of the notification of the change in the Gazette pursuant to Section 405 or such later date as may be determined by the receiving Office.

(c) Nothing in paragraph (a), (a-*bis*), (b), (d) or (e) prevents any receiving Office from accepting, in a particular case,

(i) the filing of an international application in a language that it has not notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept; or

(ii) the translation of an international application into a language of publication that it has not notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept; or

(iii) the filing of a request in a language that it has not notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept; or

(iv) the filing of the sequence listing part of the description containing language-dependent free text in a language that it has not notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept.

(d) Each receiving Office concerned shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages which it is prepared to accept under Rule 12.4(a) for the translation of international applications into a language of publication.

(e) Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages which it is prepared to accept under Rule 12.1(c) for the filing of requests.

Section 333
Transmittal of International Application
to the International Bureau as Receiving Office

(a) Where a national Office intends to proceed under Rule 19.4(b) having regard to Rule 19.4(a)(i), (ii) or (ii-*bis*), it shall, if it requires payment of the fee referred to in Rule 19.4(b) and that fee has not already been paid, promptly invite the applicant to pay that fee within a time limit of 15 days from the date of the invitation.

(b) Where a national Office intends to proceed under Rule 19.4(b) having regard to Rule 19.4(a)(iii), it shall promptly request the International Bureau as receiving Office to agree to the transmittal of the international application. The International Bureau as receiving Office shall promptly respond to that request. If the International Bureau as receiving Office agrees to the transmittal, the national Office shall promptly invite the applicant:

(i) if the transmittal has not already been authorized by the applicant, to submit to that Office, within a time limit of 15 days from the date of the invitation, an authorization of the transmittal, and,

(ii) if the Office requires payment of the fee referred to in Rule 19.4(b) and that fee has not already been paid, to pay that fee within the time limit referred to in item (i).

(c) The national Office:

(i) need not proceed under Rule 19.4(b) having regard to Rule 19.4(a)(i) to (iii) if the Office requires payment of the fee referred to in Rule 19.4(b) and the applicant does not pay that fee;

(ii) shall not proceed under Rule 19.4(b) having regard to Rule 19.4(a)(iii) if the International Bureau as receiving Office does not agree to, or if the applicant does not authorize, the transmittal of the international application under Rule 19.4(a)(iii).

Section 335
Procedures Relating to Sequence Listings

(a) Sections 305*bis*, 308(b), 308*bis* to 310*ter* and 325 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to any sequence listing furnished as a separate electronic file in the relevant procedures, subject to paragraphs (b) to (d) and any special provisions set out in Annex C.

(b) Where the receiving Office receives a sequence listing on a physical medium, that Office shall physically label the medium with the words “SEQUENCE LISTING” together with other markings equivalent to those required for sheets filed or submitted according to Sections 308(b), 308*bis* to 310*ter* or 325, as the case may be, in accordance with the procedures in Annex C.

(c) The receiving Office shall keep the contents of any file received from the applicant representing a sequence listing unchanged. Any required annotation concerning the international application number or purpose for which the sequence listing was furnished shall be recorded in the filename or other metadata associated with the file in accordance with the procedures in Annex C.

(d) Where the receiving Office receives a sequence listing under Rule 13*ter* for the purposes of international search and any accompanying statement as set out in Annex C, it shall forward these to the International Searching Authority, together with the search copy or as soon as possible thereafter.

PART 4
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Section 405
Publication of Notifications of Languages
Accepted by the Receiving Office under Rules 12.1(a), (c) and (d) and 12.4(a)

The International Bureau shall promptly publish in the Gazette any notification under Section 332(a), (a-*bis*), (b), (d) or (e).

PART 5
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

Section 513
Sequence Listings

(a) *[Deleted]*

(b) Where the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority are based on a sequence listing not forming part of the international application but furnished for the purposes of the international search, the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority shall so indicate.

(c) Where a meaningful international search cannot be carried out and a meaningful written opinion, as to whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious) and to be industrially applicable, cannot be established because a sequence listing is not available to the International Searching Authority in the required form, language and manner, that Authority shall so state in the international search report or declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a), and in the written opinion.

(d) Where a sequence listing for the purposes of the international search is furnished on a physical medium, that Authority shall physically label that medium with the words "SEQUENCE LISTING NOT FORMING PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION" in accordance with the procedures in Annex C.

(e) The International Searching Authority shall:

(i) keep in its files one copy of any sequence listing which does not form part of the international application but was furnished for the purposes of the international search; and

(ii) transmit one copy thereof to the International Bureau together with the copy of the international search report. If that listing is furnished on a physical medium in less than the number of copies required by the International Searching Authority, that Authority shall be responsible for the preparation of the additional copy and shall have the right to fix a fee for performing that task and to collect such fee from the applicant.

(f) Each International Searching Authority shall notify the International Bureau of the means of transmittal of the sequence listing accepted by it in accordance with Annex F. The International Bureau shall promptly publish details of the notification in the Gazette.

PART 6
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY

Section 610
Sequence Listings

(a) Where the written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the international preliminary examination report is based on a sequence listing not forming part of the international application but furnished for the purposes of the international preliminary examination, the written opinion and the international preliminary examination report of the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall so indicate.

(b) Where a meaningful written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority cannot be established, or a meaningful international preliminary examination cannot be carried out, as to whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious) and to be industrially applicable, because a sequence listing is not available to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the required form, language and manner, that Authority shall so state in the written opinion and in the international preliminary examination report.

(c) Where a sequence listing for the purposes of the international preliminary examination is furnished on a physical medium, that Authority shall physically label that medium with the words “SEQUENCE LISTING NOT FORMING PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION” in accordance with the procedures in Annex C.

(d) The International Preliminary Examining Authority shall:

(i) keep in its files one copy of any sequence listing which does not form part of the international application but was furnished for the purposes of the international preliminary examination; and

(ii) transmit one copy thereof to the International Bureau, either immediately or together with the international preliminary examination report. If that listing is furnished on a physical medium in less than the number of copies required by the International Preliminary Examining Authority, that Authority shall be responsible for the preparation of the additional copy and shall have the right to fix a fee for performing that task and to collect such fee from the applicant.

(e) Each International Preliminary Examining Authority shall notify the International Bureau of the means of transmittal of the sequence listing accepted by it in accordance with Annex F. The International Bureau shall promptly publish details of the notification in the Gazette.

(f) Where the national Office or intergovernmental organization that acted as the International Searching Authority also acts as the International Preliminary Examining Authority, any sequence listing not forming part of the international application but furnished to that Office or organization for the purposes of the international search shall be considered to have been furnished to it also for the purposes of the international preliminary examination.

PART 7
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE FILING AND PROCESSING
IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS

Section 707
Calculation of International Filing Fee and Fee Reduction

(a) Where an international application is filed in electronic form, the international filing fee shall, subject to paragraph (a-*bis*), be calculated on the basis of the number of sheets that the application would contain if presented as a print-out complying with the physical requirements prescribed in Rule 11.[2]

(a-*bis*) Where the international application as filed contains an electronic file appearing to be a sequence listing in a file format compliant with WIPO Standard ST.26, the calculation of the international filing fee shall, in the calculation of the number of sheets, not take into account any material contained in such an electronic file.

(b) Item 4(b), (c) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the Regulations shall apply to reduce the fees payable in respect of an international application filed in electronic form with a receiving Office which has notified the International Bureau under Section 710(a) that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form or which has decided to receive such an application in accordance with Section 703(d).

ANNEX C[3]
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE PRESENTATION OF NUCLEOTIDE AND AMINO ACID SEQUENCE LISTINGS IN INTERNATIONAL PATENT APPLICATIONS UNDER THE PCT

INTRODUCTION

1. In accordance with Rule 5.2(a), where the international application contains disclosure of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences that, pursuant to the Administrative Instructions, are required to be included in a sequence listing, the description shall include a sequence listing part of the description complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions. In accordance with Section 208, any sequence listing, whether forming part of the international application or not forming part of the international application, shall comply with Annex C (this Annex).

2. This Annex provides the Instructions referred to above in relation to the filing and processing of sequence listings, whether forming part of an international applications or not forming part of an international application.

[2] *Editor's Note:* Noting that Rule 11 leaves some flexibility as to the margins of the sheets (see Rule 11.6) and the size of the characters (see Rule 11.9(d)), the international filing fee should be calculated on the basis of the number of sheets that the application would contain if presented as a print-out complying with the minimum margin and character size requirements. In practice, however, the receiving Office should not print out the international application but rather rely on the number of pages of the international application as calculated by the electronic filing software and indicated in the request.

[3] *Editor's Note:* The Instructions set out in this Annex apply to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022. The previous version of Annex C continues to apply to international applications filed prior to that date.

DEFINITIONS

3. For the purposes of these Instructions:

(a) the expressions “sequence listing”, “nucleotide” and “amino acid” have the same meaning as in WIPO Standard ST.26;

(b) the expression “sequence listing forming part of the international application” means a sequence listing contained in the international application as filed, including any sequence listing which:

(i) is included in the international application under Rule 20.5(b) or (c) or Rule 20.5*bis*(b) or (c),

(ii) is considered to have been contained in the international application under Rule 20.6(b),

(iii) has been corrected under Rule 26, rectified under Rule 91 or amended under Article 34(2)(b), or

(iv) is included in the international application by way of an amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description in relation to sequences contained in the international application as filed but not originally included in a sequence listing;

(c) the expression “sequence listing not forming part of the international application” means a sequence listing that does not form part of the international application but is furnished for the purposes of the international search or international preliminary examination.

RELATIONSHIP WITH WIPO STANDARD ST.26

4. The sequence listing part of the description shall comply with WIPO Standard ST.26. Subject to the specific requirements set out in this Annex, that Standard shall apply to any nucleotide or amino acid sequence disclosure in an international application, notably with regard to:

(a) whether such disclosure is to be included in a sequence listing;

(b) the manner in which disclosures are to be presented;

(c) the qualifiers for which “free text” is permitted as a value and the identification of those qualifiers for which such free text is considered language-dependent[4]; and

(d) the Document Type Definition (DTD) for a sequence listing in XML (eXtensible Markup Language).

5. Following any revision of WIPO Standard ST.26, the Director General shall decide a date from which the revised version of that Standard shall apply to international applications and publish that information in the Gazette, together with any transitional provisions concerning the furnishing on or after that date of sequence listings related to international applications filed prior to that date.

[4] *Editor’s Note:* See paragraphs 87 and 88 of WIPO Standard ST.26 and Section 6, Table 5 and Section 8, Table 6 in Annex I to that Standard.

SEQUENCES REQUIRED TO BE PRESENTED IN A SEQUENCE LISTING

6. In accordance with WIPO Standard ST.26, a sequence required to be included in a sequence listing for the purposes of Rule 5.2 is one that is disclosed anywhere in an international application by enumeration of its residues and can be represented as:

(a) an unbranched sequence or a linear region of a branched sequence containing ten or more specifically defined nucleotides, wherein adjacent nucleotides are joined by:

(i) a 3’ to 5’ (or 5’ to 3’) phosphodiester linkage; or

(ii) any chemical bond that results in an arrangement of adjacent nucleobases that mimics the arrangement of nucleobases in naturally occurring nucleic acids; or

(b) an unbranched sequence or a linear region of a branched sequence containing four or more specifically defined amino acids, wherein the amino acids form a single peptide backbone, that is, adjacent amino acids are joined by peptide bonds.

7. In accordance with WIPO Standard ST.26, a sequence listing must not include, as a sequence assigned its own sequence identification number, any sequences having fewer than ten specifically defined nucleotides or fewer than four specifically defined amino acids.

PRESENTATION OF SEQUENCES IN THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

8. Where sequences are included in a sequence listing, Offices may not require that the sequences also appear in the main part of the description. However, in specific cases, the applicant may have valid reasons for setting out some sequences from the sequence listing in the main part of the description, claims or drawings. Where any sequences are presented within the main part of description, claims or drawings, they may be set out in the manner considered most appropriate to present the information for the relevant purpose. In the description, claims or drawings of the application, the sequences included in the sequence listing shall be referred to by the sequence identifier preceded by “SEQ ID NO:”, even if the sequence is also embedded in the description, claims or drawings. Similarly, sequences too short to be included in the sequence listing may be presented in the manner considered most appropriate by the applicant.

LANGUAGE-RELATED REQUIREMENTS

9. WIPO Standard ST.26 prescribes the use of “controlled vocabulary” that must be used when describing the features of a sequence, that is, annotations of regions or sites of interest as set out in Annex I to the Standard.

10. Under the Standard, “qualifiers” are used to supply certain information about features in addition to that conveyed by the feature key and feature location. There are several types of permitted “value formats” to accommodate different types of information conveyed by qualifiers, namely controlled vocabulary, enumerated values (for example, a number or date), “free text” and sequences.

11. The vocabulary set out in Annex I of the Standard that is not language-dependent shall be presented only in conformance with the requirements of WIPO Standard ST.26 and must not be translated. This includes:

(a) the nucleotide symbols set out in Section 1 and the amino acid symbols set out in Section 3;

(b) the abbreviations for modified nucleotides set out in Section 2 and the abbreviations for modified amino acids set out in Section 4 as the only permitted values for the certain qualifiers;

(c) the feature key names set out in Sections 5 and 7, and the qualifier names set out in Sections 6 and 8, notwithstanding that many of the allowed names of feature keys and qualifiers are in English or are English abbreviations (see, for example, feature keys 5.1 “C-region” and 7.18 “MOD_RES” (abbreviation of “modification of a residue”); and qualifiers 6.5 “cell_type” and 8.3 “organism”);

(d) all “value formats” set out in Sections 6 and 8 allowed to be used to accommodate different types of information conveyed by qualifiers other than “free text” (that is, controlled vocabulary, enumerated values like a number or date, and sequences), notwithstanding that many of these allowed “value formats” contain elements in English or English abbreviations or are recognizably derived from English or Latin words (see, for example, qualifier 6.15 “direction”, with the value format: “left”, “right” or “both”); and

(e) “free text” qualifier values other than those identified in the Standard as language-dependent.

12. The language-dependent free text must be provided in a language which the receiving Office accepts for that purpose. WIPO Standard ST.26 allows language-dependent free text to be provided in either one or two languages within the same sequence listing: English (in the `INSDQualifier_value` element) and/or another specified language (in the `NonEnglishQualifier_value` element). The language or languages permitted or required to be used in any particular case are considered in paragraphs 16 to 19.

13. The language of any free text included in the `NonEnglishQualifier_value` element shall be indicated in the `nonEnglishFreeTextLanguageCode` attribute. The same language shall be used for the contents of all `NonEnglishQualifier_value` elements in a sequence listing. Where language-dependent free text is provided for any `INSDQualifier_value` or `NonEnglishQualifier_value` element, it shall be provided in the relevant language for all such elements.

14. The language considered to be the original language of all of the language-dependent free text, being the language, or one of the languages, of the language-dependent free text in the sequence listing furnished at the time of filing, shall preferably be indicated using the `originalFreeTextLanguageCode` attribute of the `ST26SequenceListing` element. The indicated language may be used in the international phase to assist the assessment and, where relevant, rectification of discrepancies found between an `INSDQualifier_value` element and a `NonEnglishQualifier_value` element for a language-dependent free text qualifier included in the sequence listing as filed. For national phase processing, the relevance of the indicated original language in cases where more than one language version of free text was included on the international filing date shall be a matter of national law.

15. WIPO Standard ST.26 requires that the name of the first mentioned applicant be provided in the language of filing. Where the name of the first mentioned applicant is not provided in Latin characters, a transliteration or translation must also be provided in Latin characters, irrespective of the language of the sequence listing otherwise. The title of the invention must be provided in the language of filing and may also be provided in additional languages. In any sequence listing translation submitted to the receiving Office, the International Bureau, the International Searching Authority or the International Preliminary Examining Authority, the applicant may add these items in the language of the translation, but shall not be required to do so.

Languages of the Sequence Listing as Filed

16. Rule 12.1(d) allows receiving Offices to specify the language or languages that may be used for language-dependent free text in a sequence listing forming part of the international application as filed. The Office may allow or require the language-dependent free text to be submitted in a language either the same as or different to that of the main body of the international application. The receiving Office may also permit, but may not require the sequence listing as filed to include language-dependent free text in a second language in accordance with WIPO Standard ST.26. This allows the language-dependent free text to be submitted simultaneously in the language of the main body of the international application as filed and in a different language required for the purposes of the international search or international publication under Rule 12.3 or 12.4. In this case, it is not required to submit the translation of the main body of the international application at the same time as the sequence listing; the translation of the main body may be provided at a later date and the translation as a whole will be considered as received on the date on which the final part of the translation is received.

Translations of the Sequence Listing

17. Where a translation of the language-dependent free text in the sequence listing of the international application or of an earlier application is required as part of a translation under Rule 12.3, 12.4, 12*bis*.2(a)(ii), 20.6(a)(iii), 45*bis*.1(c)(i), 49.5 or 55.2(a), that translation shall be provided in the form of a new sequence listing containing all of the language-dependent free text in the required language, either in addition to or replacing languages in the sequence listing from which the text is being translated. The remainder of the sequence listing shall remain unchanged, save for:

(a) the appropriate attributes of `ST26SequenceListing` describing the content, notably including the `productionDate` and, where relevant, `nonEnglishFreeTextLanguageCode`;

(b) preferably, including the application identification details (IP Office code, international application number and international filing date) if these have been accorded and notified to the applicant, as well as, where applicable, updating any of the other elements of the general information part that have been modified since the international application was filed, or translating them into the language of the translated language-dependent free text. The receiving Office or International Authority shall not require correction or updating of any elements in the general information part solely because there are differences from the corresponding details in the remainder of the international application or the element details have changed between the international filing date and the date on which the translation is submitted, nor require translation of such elements.

18. The `originalFreeTextLanguageCode` attribute shall continue to indicate the original language, irrespective of whether that language version is included in the translated sequence listing.

Languages of Sequence Listings Not Forming Part of the International Application

19. Where a sequence listing is furnished under Rule 13*ter*.1 or 13*ter*.2 for the purposes of the international search or the international preliminary examination, the language-dependent free text shall be provided in one of the languages accepted by the International Searching Authority or the International Preliminary Examining Authority, normally the same language as that used for the main part of the description. The sequence listing may also include the language-dependent free text in a second language, normally either the language of filing or English.

FILING AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION CONTAINING A SEQUENCE LISTING OR FURNISHING A SEQUENCE LISTING AFTER FILING

20. The requirement that a sequence listing be presented as an XML file under WIPO Standard ST.26 means that it can only be filed or furnished in electronic form. An application containing sequences as described in paragraph 6 without such a sequence listing is defective and may be difficult to correct at a later stage. It is strongly recommended that the sequence listing be prepared using WIPO SEQUENCE or equivalent software, which validates the form and aspects of the content of the sequence listing.

21. Where an international application containing a sequence listing is filed in electronic form, whether transmitted by electronic or physical means, the sequence listing should preferably form part of a package filed in accordance with Annex F, with the sequence listing indexed in accordance with the standards set out in that Annex.

22. Notwithstanding paragraph 21, any receiving Office may accept an electronic file appearing to contain a sequence listing submitted separately from the main package on the date of filing and should accept such a separate electronic file in any case where it is not practical for the applicant to include the sequence listing as part of the main package, for example, because the file size is too large to be handled by the software used for preparing or receiving the remainder of the international application. If the receiving Office is not able to process such an application, the application shall be considered to have been received by that Office on behalf of the International Bureau as receiving Office in accordance with Rule 19.4(a)(ii-*bis*).

SEQUENCE LISTING FILED ON SEPARATE PHYSICAL MEDIA

23. Any physical medium containing a sequence listing filed separately from a package as referred to in paragraph 21 or where the remainder of the international application is filed on paper, shall be clearly labeled “Sequence Listing” or its equivalent in the language of publication, to which the Office to which the sequence listing is submitted shall add the international application number. Where the sequence listing is submitted after the international filing date, the Office shall also indicate the nature of the sequence listing in accordance with the appropriate one of Sections 309 to 310*ter*, 325, 511, 513, 607 or 610. Preferably, the physical medium used for the transmittal of the sequence listing shall be of a type accepted by both the receiving Office and the International Searching Authority chosen to carry out the international search.

24. Where the file size of a sequence listing is too large to be included on a single physical medium, it shall be split such that the files can be rejoined to form one single contiguous file without any missing or repeating contents in accordance with the procedures set out in paragraphs 2(c) and (c-*bis*) of Appendix IV to Annex F of these Administrative Instructions. In addition to the labeling referred to in paragraph 23, the physical media shall each be numbered, for example “DISK 1/3”, “DISK 2/3”, “DISK 3/3”.

SEQUENCE LISTING IN ELECTRONIC FORM WITH THE REMAINDER OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION FILED ON PAPER

25. Applicants are strongly discouraged from filing international applications with the main body on paper and the sequence listing separately in electronic form. Nevertheless, in accordance with Section 703 paragraphs (d) and (e), any receiving Office may accept an international application filed in that way and should do so if it is apparent that it would not have been practical for the applicant to file the application with the receiving Office in any other way. If the receiving Office is not able to process such an application, the application shall be considered to have been received by that Office on behalf of the International Bureau as receiving Office in accordance with Rule 19.4(a)(ii-*bis*).

RECEIVING AND PROCESSING AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION CONTAINING A SEQUENCE LISTING

CHECKING BY THE RECEIVING OFFICE

Electronic File Appearing to Be a Sequence Listing

26. The receiving Office shall treat any electronic file appearing to be a sequence listing in WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format as a sequence listing forming part of the international application if it is received on or before the date on which the receiving Office determines that the papers purporting to be an international application fulfill all of the requirements under Article 11(1), whether or not that listing is referred to in the main part of the description or in the request, even if it is not correctly marked as such, except for the case where a second sequence listing is provided as part of a translation for international search under Rule 12.3 or international publication under Rule 12.4. This is independent of the question whether or not the electronic file purporting or appearing to be a sequence listing is in fact compliant with WIPO Standard ST.26 (which is not required to be checked by the receiving Office but only by the International Searching Authority). Where the receiving Office finds that a separate electronic file disclosing sequences appears to be in a format other than in WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format, it shall seek clarification from the applicant on whether the content of the file is intended to form part of the description and invite the applicant to furnish the content in the format accepted for the main part of the description if necessary. For this purpose, the receiving Office may require a statement from the applicant that the content of the document resubmitted in the accepted format is identical to that of the electronic file originally submitted. Alternatively, the receiving Office may convert the file to that format on agreement from the applicant.

Checking for Compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26 and for Other Defects

27. The receiving Office shall not be required to perform automated validations to check whether a sequence listing is compliant with WIPO Standard ST.26 or otherwise to check whether its contents are compliant with the requirements of the Rules and these Administrative Instructions. However, where the Office becomes aware of a defect, for example, because its online filing processes or other Office procedures check the sequence listing file using the validation tool provided for the purpose by the International Bureau, the Office may notify the applicant accordingly.

28. Where the receiving Office identifies a discrepancy between any of the information in the general information part of the sequence listing and the corresponding information in the request or application body, the receiving Office may draw the fact to the applicant's attention. The applicant may correct the discrepancy within the time limit provided for in Rule 26.2 but shall not be required to do so. The international application shall be processed on the basis of the indications made in the request.

Calculation of International Filing Fee

29. In accordance with Section 707(a-*bis*), where the international application as filed contains an electronic file appearing to be a sequence listing in WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format, the calculation of the international filing fee shall, in the calculation of the number of sheets, not take into account any material contained in such an electronic file. However, where the electronic file is in any other format, or it is obviously not a sequence listing, for example, the main part of the description, claims or drawings mislabeled as a sequence listing, such a file should be taken into account in the calculation of the number of sheets.

Processing of a Sequence Listing Submitted After the International Filing Date

30. Where a sequence listing is received after the international filing date under any of Rules 12.3 (translation for the purposes of international search), 12.4 (translation for the purposes of international publication) or 26.4 (correction of a defect), the receiving Office shall forward a copy of the sequence listing to the International Searching Authority and to the International Bureau together with any replacement sheets also submitted for the relevant purpose, in accordance with Section 305*bis* or 325, as applicable under Section 335(a).

31. Where a sequence listing is received after the international filing date under Rule 13*ter* (sequence listing for the purposes of international search, not forming part of the international application), the receiving Office shall forward it to the International Searching Authority.

CHECKING BY THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY OR THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY

32. The International Searching Authority or the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall check that any sequence listing received as part of the search copy, or of a copy of the international application provided for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is compliant with the requirements of WIPO Standard ST.26 and that the language-dependent free text meets the language requirements of the Authority. Where the sequence listing contains defects, or where the international application contains sequences that should have been included in a sequence listing but were not, the Authority may invite the applicant to submit a sequence listing under Rule 13*ter*.1 for the purposes of international search or Rule 13*ter*.2 for the purposes of international preliminary examination.

CORRECTION, RECTIFICATION AND AMENDMENT OF A SEQUENCE LISTING

33. Any correction under Rule 26, rectification under Rule 91 or amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description submitted in relation to a sequence listing forming part of the international application as filed and any sequence listing included in the international application by way of an amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description in relation to sequences contained in the international application as filed shall be made by submitting a complete new sequence listing compliant with WIPO Standard ST.26 including the relevant correction, rectification or amendment. The nature of the correction, rectification or amendment shall be clearly explained in an accompanying letter.

34. In compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26, any sequence listing referred to in paragraph 33 shall, where possible, maintain the original numbering of the sequences in the application as filed, representing any “intentionally skipped sequence” as prescribed by WIPO Standard ST.26, where necessary. Otherwise, the sequences shall be numbered in compliance with that Standard in the order in which they appear in the international application.

35. Where the sequence listing referred to in paragraph 33 as proposed to be corrected, rectified or amended is presented on physical media, the media shall be labeled “Sequence Listing – Correction”, “Sequence Listing – Rectification” or “Sequence Listing – Amendment”, as the case may be, or the equivalents in the language of publication, together with the international application number.

36. Where the new sequence listing is received by the receiving Office, that Office shall not be required to check the content of the sequence listing. The Office may simply check that it has received an electronic file that appears to be a sequence listing, together with an accompanying letter and then forward these items to the International Searching Authority and International Bureau, together with any accompanying corrected, rectified or amended sheets of the main body of the international application.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE; MISSING AND ERRONEOUSLY FILED PARTS

37. A sequence listing missing from the international application as filed may be included into the international application under Rule 20.5, or a sequence listing erroneously filed may be removed and replaced under Rule 20.5*bis*. Where relevant, the appropriate sequence listing may be confirmed as incorporated by reference under Rule 20.6.

38. In accordance with Section 335, the procedures for such arrangements are equivalent to those for other parts of the description. Where the sequence listing is not incorporated by reference and the international filing date is corrected, there is no need to compare the newly provided sequence listing to that from the earlier filed application and the receiving Office need only tag the sequence listing in the appropriate manner and proceed as in Sections 310 and 310*bis*. Where the sequence listing is incorporated by reference, the procedure in Section 309 applies, in which case the receiving Office shall make the appropriate marking in the filename or metadata of the XML file containing the respective sequence listing. The receiving Office is recommended to seek guidance from the International Bureau if assistance is required in the comparison of sequence listings provided for confirmation of incorporation by reference with the sequence listing from an earlier application.

SEQUENCE LISTING NOT FORMING PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

39. Any sequence listing furnished under Rule 13*ter*.1, 13*ter*.2 and 45*bis*.5(c) to an International Authority for the purposes of international search or preliminary examination shall not form part of the international application, pursuant to Rule 13*ter*.1(e) (where applicable, by virtue of Rules 13*ter*.2 and 45*bis*.5(c)). Any such sequence listing submitted shall be accompanied by a statement to the effect that the sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed.

40. Paragraphs 4 to 20 and 24 of this Annex shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to any such sequence listing. Such a sequence listing shall contain all sequences disclosed in the international application as filed that meet the criteria referred to in paragraph 6. In compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26, such a sequence listing shall, where possible, maintain the original numbering of the sequences in the application as filed, representing any “intentionally skipped sequence” as prescribed by WIPO Standard ST.26, where necessary. Otherwise, the sequences shall be numbered in compliance with that Standard in the order in which they appear in the international application.

41. Where such a sequence listing is furnished on physical media, the media shall be labeled “Sequence Listing Not Forming Part of the International Application”, or its equivalent in the language of publication or of international preliminary examination, together with the international application number.

TRANSMISSION OF SEQUENCE LISTINGS BETWEEN OFFICES

42. Where a sequence listing is to be transmitted between any of the receiving Office, the International Bureau, the International Searching Authority, the International Preliminary Examining Authority and a designated or elected Office, it shall be sent with the file contents unchanged from the version received from the applicant. Where the sequence listing is transmitted online, the international application number and type of sequence listing (as filed, corrected, for purpose of international search, etc.) shall be encoded in the filename, referencing XML or equivalent metadata appropriate to the means of online transmission.

43. Where a sequence listing was received on a physical medium, the sequence listing may be transmitted online, in which case, the international application number and type of sequence listing should be encoded in the filename or associated metadata in the same way as if the sequence listing had been received online. If the sequence listing is transmitted on a physical medium, the medium should be physically labelled as indicated in the relevant paragraphs above, without changing any of the content on the medium.

PROCEDURE BEFORE DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

44. Rules 13*ter*.3 and 76.5 require that no designated or elected Office shall require the applicant to furnish to it a sequence listing other than a sequence listing complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions. Where no sequence listing complying with the standard and containing the language-dependent free text in the language required for national processing is available to the designated or elected Office, that Office may require the applicant to furnish a translation under Rule 49.5 in the form of a new sequence listing according to paragraphs 17 and 18, within a time limit which shall be reasonable in the circumstances.

45. The designated or elected Office shall not require a new sequence listing as part of a translation under Rule 49.5 solely because a sequence listing already provided as part of the international application contains language-dependent free text in a second language in addition to that required for national processing or because the sequence listing does not contain national application identifiers in the general information part of the sequence listing.

FURNISHING BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF COPIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT: NOTIFICATION BY ELECTED OFFICES UNDER PCT RULE 94.1(c)

JM Jamaica

In accordance with PCT Rule 94.1(c), the **Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO)**, in its capacity as elected Office, has requested the International Bureau to furnish, on behalf of the Office, copies of the international preliminary examination report.[5]

[5] Information concerning which elected Offices have requested the International Bureau to furnish copies of the international preliminary examination reports on their behalf is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/access_iper.html

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BR Brazil

In accordance with 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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2022, are CHF 301 when filing online, and CHF 452 when filing on paper.

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

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JM Jamaica

The **Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO)** has specified the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and the European Patent Office (EPO) as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with the International Bureau by nationals and residents of Jamaica, with effect since 10 February 2022.

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EP European Patent Organisation

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

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau, pursuant to Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments consist of changes in the amounts of several fees.

The amendments to Annex D, which will enter into force on 1 April 2022, 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))	[No change][2]
Additional fee (Rules 40.2(a) and 40*bis*[3])	[No change][2]
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45*bis*.3(a))	[No change][2]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change][2]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change][2]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	935
Review fee (Rule 45*bis*.6(c))	935
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13*ter*.1(c) and 13*ter*.2)	245

1 Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/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).

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT: MODIFICATIONS TO ANNEX F AND ANNEX F, APPENDIX I (STANDARD FOR THE ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities, pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b) and in accordance with the procedures set out in the Administrative Instructions under the PCT (Annex F, section 2.5), modifications to the Administrative Instructions, Annex F and Annex F, Appendix I (XML DTDs for the e-PCT Standard), were promulgated, with effect from 1 July 2022.

The modifications enable the use of WIPO Standard ST.26 files in the filing of international applications from July 1, 2022, and continue to allow WIPO Standard ST.25 files to be used in the processing of international applications filed prior to that date.

Due to highly technical content, the consolidated revised texts of Annex F, and of Annex F, Appendix I, of the Administrative Instructions are not reproduced here, but have been published as documents PCT/AI/ANF/7 and PCT/AI/DTD/16 on the WIPO website at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.html

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EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office and applicable from 1 April 2022, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14)	EUR	140
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b))	EUR	110
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d))	EUR	685

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 April 2022, as follows:

Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	EUR	935
Review fee (PCT Rule 45*bis*.6(c)):	EUR	935
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1(c))	EUR	245

[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 2022, are as follows:

Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	EUR	935
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.2):	EUR	245

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified new time limits applicable for entry into the national phase, under PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b). The new time limits will be 31 months from the priority date under both Articles. The new time limits will be applicable from 1 May 2022 in respect of international applications for which the previously applicable 30 month time limit has not yet expired or does not expire on 30 April 2022 and to the extent that the applicant has not expressly made an effective request for entry into the national phase under PCT Articles 23(2) and 40(2) before 1 May 2022.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (DE) 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)

EP European Patent Organisation

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 **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of the following period of unavailability of one of its permitted electronic means of communication:

– Online Filing 2.0: from 27 February 2022, 19:00 CET (Central European Time) until 28 February 2022, 10:27 CET.

Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to the unavailability of the above-mentioned service during the indicated period may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82*quater*.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions, published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 November 2020, page 254.

Information concerning this unavailability has been published on the EPO website at:

https://www.epo.org/service-support/availability-of-online-services/2022.html

and on the WIPO website at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/unavailability.html

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IE Ireland

The **Intellectual Property Office of Ireland** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its location and mailing address, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Government Offices, Hebron Road, Kilkenny, R95 H4XC, Ireland

[Updating of Annex B1(IE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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BR Brazil

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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2022, are EUR 306 when filing online and EUR 458 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) 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 May 2022, is ISK 251,800.

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

SE Sweden

New equivalent amounts in **Swedish kronor (SEK)** 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 new amounts, applicable from 1 May 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SEK	14,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SEK	160
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	SEK	2,150
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	SEK	3,230
Handling fee:	SEK	2,150

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

Furthermore, 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 Office. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2022, is ISK 251,800.

[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 May 2022, is ISK 251,800.

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

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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 2022, are as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee:[1, 2]		
– for online filings	EUR	130
– for non-online filings	EUR	270
Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated[3]	EUR	630
Claims fee:[4]		
– for the 16th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50	EUR	250
– for the 51st and each subsequent claim	EUR	630
Search fee:[4]		
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005	EUR	950
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005	EUR	1,390
Fee for further processing:		
– in the event of late payment of a fee	[No change]	
– other cases	EUR	275
Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing	EUR	245

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

[2] See the Decision of the EPO's Administrative Council dated 15 December 2021 (CA/D 13/21), OJ EPO 2022, A2.

[3] The designation, extension and validation fees are payable within 31 months from the priority date or six months after the date of publication of the international search report, whichever expires later.

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

Examination fee:[5]		
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005	EUR	1,955
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up	EUR	1,955
– for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005	EUR	1,750
Renewal fee for the third year[6]	EUR	505

Finally, 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 2022, is EUR 1,185.[7]

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[5] 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.

[6] 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.

[7] See the Decision of the EPO's Administrative Council dated 15 December 2021 (CA/D 13/21), OJ EPO 2022, A2.

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XV Visegrad Patent Institute

The **Visegrad Patent Institute** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its telephone number, as follows:

Telephone: (361) 951 5770

In addition, the Office notified changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – since 1 March 2022, the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of telecommunication.

[Updating of Annex B2(XV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The fee when filing on paper is EUR 107.46 and when filing electronically is EUR 91.35. These amounts are applicable since 1 January 2022.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of the national fee for a patent or a utility model, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The fee when filing on paper is EUR 102.39 and when filing electronically is EUR 87.03. These amounts are applicable since 1 January 2022.

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

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BR Brazil

In accordance with 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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2022, are USD 335 when filing online, and USD 503 when filing on paper.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **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 June 2022, are CHF 76 and EUR 74 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 357 and EUR 348 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 June 2022, are CHF 105 and CHF 168 (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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JM Jamaica

The **Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO)** has specified the Australian Patent Office — in addition to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and the European Patent Office (EPO) — as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with the International Bureau by nationals and residents of Jamaica, with effect since 17 March 2022.

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CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (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 June 2022, is EUR 299.

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

RU Russian Federation

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 **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2022, are USD 81 for searches carried out in Russian, and USD 383 for searches carried out in English.

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States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

CV Cabo Verde

On April 6, 2022, **Cabo Verde** deposited its instruments of accession to both the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (Paris Convention) and the *Patent Cooperation Treaty* (PCT), and will become bound by the PCT on **July 6, 2022**. Consequently, any international application filed on or after July 6, 2022 will automatically include the designation of Cabo Verde (country code: CV).

Cabo Verde 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 July 6, 2022.

Furthermore, as from July 6, 2022, nationals and residents of Cabo Verde will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AT Austria

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 **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2022, is SGD 2,648.

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

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 June 2022, is EUR 1,508.

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

CL Chile

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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2022, are as follows:

Search fee:	EUR 1,824
Reduced search fee for natural persons and legal entities:	EUR 365 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States that benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion.)
Reduced search fee for universities:	EUR 274 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b).)

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

EG Egypt

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 **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2022, is EUR 199.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** and in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2022, are SGD 2,648 and USD 1,946.

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

PH Philippines

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 **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2022, are EUR 912 or EUR 365 (the latter applies where the applicant is a small entity).[1]

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

SG Singapore

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 **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2022, is EUR 1,501.

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

UA Ukraine

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 **National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise "Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)"**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2022, are USD 110 for searches carried out in Russian or Ukrainian, and USD 330 for searches carried out in English, French or German.

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[1] A small entity refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** and 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 June 2022, are EUR 1988 and ZAR 31,920 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, EUR 994 and ZAR 15,960 for a small entity and EUR 497 and ZAR 7,980 for a micro entity, respectively.

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

ZA South Africa

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 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 June 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	20,980
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	240
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	ZAR	3,160
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	ZAR	4,730

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

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UA Ukraine

The **Ministry of Economy of Ukraine, on behalf of the State Enterprise "Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)"** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) and the **State Enterprise "Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)** as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with the Ukrpatent or the International Bureau by nationals and residents of Ukraine, with effect since 24 February 2022.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

JM Jamaica

Information on the requirements of the **Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO)** as designated (or elected) Office is now available in the Summary of the National Chapter (JM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide,* which is published at the end of the present issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

SUMMARY **Designated (or elected) Office** **SUMMARY**

JM JAMAICA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE (JIPO) JM

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into:[1]	English
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase:[1]	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19[2]), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report[2])
Is a copy of the international application required?	A copy is required only if the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2).
National fee:	Currency: Jamaican Dollar (JMD) For patent: Filing fee:[1] JMD 30,000 For utility model: Filing fee:[1] JMD 10,000
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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[1] Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

[2] Where the applicant furnishes a translation of the international application only as amended or only as originally filed, the Office will invite the applicant to furnish the missing translation.

SUMMARY **Designated (or elected) Office** **SUMMARY**

JM JAMAICA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE (JIPO) JM

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Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51*bis*):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application[3, 4] Statement justifying the applicant's right to the patent where the applicant is not the inventor[3, 4] Evidence of entitlement to claim priority where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application[3, 4] Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306)[4] Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Jamaica[5] Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney)[5] Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Jamaica
Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49*ter*.2)?	Yes, the Office applies both the "unintentional" and the "due care" criteria to such requests

[3] This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

[4] If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of the invitation by the Office. The Office will charge a fee for compliance with that requirement in response to the invitation. For the amount of the fee refer to Annex JM.I.

[5] If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

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CN China

The **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its telephone number, which is now as follows:

Telephone: (86-10) 62 35 66 55 (customer service)

[Updating of Annex B1(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (48-22) 579 01 27
(International Applications Division)
(48-22) 579 03 63 (Contact Center)

[Updating of Annex B1(PL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SY Syrian Arab Republic

The **Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection, Directorate of Industrial and Commercial Property Protection (Syrian Arab Republic)** has notified changes to its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail: patentoffice@spo.gov.sy

Internet: www.dcip.gov.sy

[Updating of Annex B1(SY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

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 **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2022, is USD 1,946.

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

ES Spain

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 **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2022, is USD 1,946.

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

SE Sweden

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 **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2022, is USD 1,946.

[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 **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2022, is USD 1,946.

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

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

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 **Visegrad Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2022, is USD 1,946.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

JM Jamaica

The **Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO)** has specified the Austrian Patent Office – in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Canadian Patent Office and the European Patent Office (EPO) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with the receiving Office of JIPO by nationals and residents of Jamaica, with effect from 1 May 2022.

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

GB United Kingdom

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 703(a), 710(b) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette) No. 32/2004 of 5 August 2004 (pages 18092 *et seq*.).

In particular, as from 1 July 2022, the Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom), in its capacity as receiving Office, will no longer accept the filing of international applications in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software and will accept the filing of international applications in electronic form using ePCT-Filing.

Consequently, as from 1 July 2022, the Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom), in its capacity as receiving Office, is prepared to accept international applications in electronic form according to the following requirements:

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

– epoline® software

– ePCT Filing

SY Syrian Arab Republic

The **Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection, Directorate of Industrial and Commercial Property Protection (Syrian Arab Republic)** in its capacity as receiving Office, hereby notifies the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from **June 15, 2022**, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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: (963-11) 516 1185

– by e-mail at: epct@dcip.gov.sy

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 (www.dcip.gov.sy).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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.

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

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly.

Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and 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) in a wide variety of media and formats.

Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions for the Digital Access for Priority Documents, or in accordance with Sections 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, are published by the International Bureau at:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

TR Turkey

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions of the Digital Access for Priority Documents, the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office, with effect from 1 June 2022.[1]

[Updating of Annex B1(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[1] For additional details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11586

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IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified changes to the components of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

	Paper copy	*Electronic copy*
– for the request to prepare the priority document (in fee stamps):	16	16
– for every four pages or fraction of four pages (description, claims, abstract, drawings, filing certificate and certificate of authenticity) (in fee stamps), plus:	16	-
– for the download of the electronic copy (in fee stamps), plus:	-	16
– for a patent application:	7	3
– for a utility model application:	5	3

[Updating of Annex C(IT) 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)), as well as for a reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY	179,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY	2,000
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
– Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	JPY	40,400

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

In addition, 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 Office. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is SGD 1,835.

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

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 July 2022, is JPY 26,900.

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

SE Sweden

New equivalent amounts in **Swedish krona (SEK)** 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, payable to the **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)** and applicable from 1 July 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SEK	13,470
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SEK	150
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
– Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	SEK	2,020
– Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	SEK	3,030
Handling fee:	SEK	2,020

[Updating of Annexes C(SE) and E(SE) 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 July 2022, is JPY 206,300.

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 703(a), 710(b) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Israel Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified changes to its notification published in the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) of 2 August 2016 (pages 176 *et seq*.).

In particular, as from 1 July 2022, the Israel Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, will no longer accept the filing of international applications in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software.

Consequently, as from 1 July 2022, the Israel Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, is prepared to accept 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(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified additional requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

Where the applicant requests early publication or notifies the application to third parties earlier than 16 months from the priority date, the indications prescribed by Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii) must be provided not later than that request or that notification (Legislative Decree No. 30/2005, Art. 162 (2)).

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

At its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) appointed the **Eurasian Patent Office** as an International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) under the PCT (published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 17 February 2022 (page 46)).

On 26 April 2022, the Office notified the International Bureau that the Agreement between the Office and the International Bureau will enter into force on 1 July 2022.

The Agreement between the Eurasian Patent Organization and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization in relation to the functioning of the Eurasian Patent Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (as in force from July 1, 2022) is set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

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AT Austria

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 **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 1,809.

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

DK Denmark

New equivalent amounts in **Danish krone (DKK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, 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 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	DKK	9,710
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	DKK	110
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	DKK	1,460
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	DKK	2,190

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

EP European Patent Organisation

New equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, 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 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	EUR	1,305
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR	15
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request not in character coded format):	EUR	98
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Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR	294

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

Furthermore, 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 **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, also applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 1,809.

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

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 July 2022, is EUR 196.

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

ES Spain

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 **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 1,809.

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

FI Finland

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 **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH).** This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 1,809.

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

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 July 2022, are CHF 1,062 for an application in Japanese,[1] and CHF 1,255 for an application in English.[2]

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

[1] For international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3. 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, see https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf

[2] For international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

SE Sweden

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 **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV).** This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 1,809.

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

TR Turkey

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 **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent).** This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 1,809.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

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 **Nordic Patent Institute.** This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 1,809.

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

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Danish krone (DKK)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is DKK 1,460.

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

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

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 **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI).** This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 1,809.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

LA Lao People's Democratic Republic

Information on the requirements of the **Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Science and Technology (Lao People's Democratic Republic)** as designated (or elected) Office is now available in the Summary of the National Chapter (LA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide,* which is published at the end of the present issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

AGREEMENT

between the Eurasian Patent Organization
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Eurasian Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Eurasian Patent Organization and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Eurasian Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1
Terms and Expressions

(1) For the purposes of this Agreement:

(a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;

(b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;

(c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;

(d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;

(e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;

(f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;

(g) “the Authority” means the Eurasian Patent Office;

(h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2
Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3
Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5
Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

(i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);

(ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6
Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on a date to be notified to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization by the Authority, that date being at least one month later than the date on which the notification is made.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

(i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;

(ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;

(iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;

(iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;

(v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;

(vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

(i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

(ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12
Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:

(i) if the Eurasian Patent Organization gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or

(ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Eurasian Patent Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this twenty-second day of November two thousand and twenty-one, in two originals in the English and Russian languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Eurasian Patent Organization by:

For the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization by:

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:

any Contracting State;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

any Contracting State.

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) the following languages which it will accept:

Russian and English.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search: Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of the Eurasian Patent Convention.

Annex D
Fees and Charges

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)	40,000
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in Russian)	9,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in English)	40,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in Russian)	9,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in English)	16,000
if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in Russian)	4,500
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in English)	24,000
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in Russian)	6,750
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in English)	19,500
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in Russian)	5,000
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in English)	23,500
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in Russian)	6,000
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	3,500
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13*ter*.1(c) and 13*ter*.2)	4,000
Cost of copies (except for documents transmitted to the applicant along with the international search report or preliminary examination report) (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b))	
– patent document, per page	100
– non-patent document, per page	100
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1*ter* and 94.2), per page	100

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search, 25 to 75% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex E
Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification system(s) in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following language(s):

Russian and English, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated.

Annex G
International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

SUMMARY **Designated (or elected) Office** SUMMARY

LA DEPARTMENT OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC) LA

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3): 31 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): 31 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into:[1]	Lao
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase:[1]	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, only as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	The applicant should only send a copy of the international application if he/she has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).
National fee:[2]	Currency: Lao Kip (KIP) Filing fee: KIP 200,000 Formality examination fee: KIP 100,000 Consultation fee: KIP 100,000 Publication fee: KIP 400,000 Service fee: KIP 300,000
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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[1] Must be furnished within 90 days after entry into the national phase.

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

SUMMARY **Designated (or elected) Office** **SUMMARY**

LA DEPARTMENT OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC) LA

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Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51*bis*):	Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in the Lao People's Democratic Republic Name of the inventor if it has not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application[3, 4] Evidence of entitlement to file[3, 4] Evidence of entitlement to claim priority[3, 4] Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306)[4] Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing and table related thereto in electronic form
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer registered in the Lao People's Democratic Republic
Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49*ter*.2)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests

[3] This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

[4] If not already complied with within the time limit applicable 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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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

JP Japan

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

The **Japan Patent Office (JPO)** 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 June 2022, consists of the addition of Saudi Arabia to the States indicated in items (i) and (ii) of the Annex.

As from 1 June 2022, 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:

Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam.

For the United States of America, the Authority will act under Article 3(1) provided that (a) the international application is submitted in English; and (b) the Authority has not received more than 8,400 international applications from the United States Patent and Trademark Office during the five-year period from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2023, and not more than 300 applications per quarter during the first and second years, and not more than 500 applications per quarter during the third, fourth, and fifth years. Where the Authority has prepared the international search report, the Authority will also act under Article 3(2) if these conditions are met.

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf

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

(ii) the following languages which it will accept:

(a) [No change]

(b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam:

English;

(c) [No change]

(d) for international applications filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office acting for Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam:

Japanese, English.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

IQ Iraq

General information on **Iraq** as a PCT Contracting State is now available in Annex B1(IQ), which is published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount, in **South African rand (ZAR)**, has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is ZAR 28,070.

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

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 July 2022, is KRW 2,018,000.

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

BR Brazil

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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2022, are CHF 338 when filing online, and CHF 507 when filing on paper.

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

EG Egypt

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 **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is USD 216.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount, in **South African rand (ZAR)**, has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is ZAR 28,070.

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

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2022, are JPY 16,600, or JPY 4,200 in the case of filing by an individual.

[Updating of Annex D(IN) 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 July 2022, are USD 1,130 for searches carried out in Japanese and USD 1,336 for searches carried out in English.

[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 **Australian dollars (AUD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2022, are AUD 492 for searches carried out in Korean and AUD 1,313 for searches carried out in English.

[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 July 2022, are CHF 99, EUR 97 and USD 105 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 467, EUR 458 and USD 495 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 2022, are CHF 138 and CHF 220 (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*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

IQ Iraq

The **Iraqi Patent Office (IQPO)** has specified the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, the Egyptian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent) as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed on or after 6 May 2022 with IQPO, in its capacity as receiving Office, by nationals and residents of Iraq.

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has specified the Japan Patent Office (JPO) – in addition to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, the Egyptian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 June 2022 with SAIP, in its capacity as receiving Office, by nationals and residents of Saudi Arabia.

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

DE Germany

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **German Patent and Trade Mark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 40/2006 (5 October 2006, pages 19076 *et seq.*), and corrected in PCT Gazette No. 50/2006 (14 December 2006, pages 19182 *et seq.*).

The Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, notifies the following requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form with effect of 1 July 2022.

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

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

– WIPO ST.26 XML file (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)

– Annex C/ST.25 text file (see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C) for applications filed prior to 1 July 2022

– 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)):

For the DPMAdirektPro filing software:

– online filing (according to OSCI protocol, see www.osci.de)

For the epoline filing software:

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

For ePCT-Filing:

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

Physical media (CD-R, CD-RW, DVD-R, DVD+R, DVD+RW, DVD-RW)

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

For DPMAdirektPro filing software

– OSCI WASP (www.osci.de)

For the epoline software and ePCT-Filing:

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

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

– DPMAdirektPro software

– epoline software

– ePCT-Filing

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

Basic signatures acceptable in the request:

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

Electronic signature for signing applicant package using DPMAdirektPro filing software:

– qualified or enhanced electronic signature, as defined by section 3 para 3 of the Ordinance on Electronic Legal Transactions with the German Patent and Trade Mark Office of 1 November 2013.

Electronic signature for signing applicant package using epoline filing software and ePCT-Filing:

– 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)). It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the above mentioned means of transmittal or document packaging that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates, applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic or certain missing files are notified to the applicant by issuing an error report. 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. Online payment in this sense refers to payment systems provided within the filing software environment itself and does not cover general e-banking services. Only the methods of payment allowed by Section 1 of the Ordinance on Payment of Costs of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office and of the Federal Patent Court are available.

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

General customer help desk:

– by telephone at +49 89 2195 1000 (available between 8 am and 4 pm Monday through Thursday and 8 am to 2 pm Friday, Central European Time (CET))

– by email at info@dpma.de

Technical help for DPMAdirektPro

– by email at DPMAdirekt@dpma.de

General information about DPMAdirektPro is available at
https://www.dpma.de/english/services/efiling/index.html

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 not accept the filing of documents in pre-conversion format.

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)):

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (https://www.dpma.de/english/index.html).

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)):

Signatures accepted by DPMA are defined in section 3 of the Ordinance on Electronic Legal Transactions with the German Patent and Trade Mark Office of 1 November 2013. Possible providers of signature cards can be searched via Trusted List Browser (URL: https://esignature.ec.europa.eu/efda/tl-browser/#/screen/home). Please note that the search has to be limited to German providers. In addition, the Online Services Smart Card of the European Patent Office is accepted for filings via DPMAdirektPro and epoline.

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

File inspection of published documents is possible via the online register https://register.dpma.de/DPMAregister/Uebersicht?lang=en.
International applications filed via ePCT can also be accessed with the ePCT system.

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

MK North Macedonia

The **State Office of Industrial Property (North Macedonia)** in its capacity as receiving Office, hereby notifies the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from July 15, 2022, 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 3.1.1.2, 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: (+389-2) 310 36 01

– by e-mail at: epct@ippo.gov.mk

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 (www.ippo.gov.mk)

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

– Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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(MK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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IQ IRAQ IQ

General information

Name of Office:	Iraqi Patent Office (IQPO)
Location:	University of Baghdad St., Al-Jaderiya, Baghdad, Iraq
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 13032, Al-Jaderiya, Baghdad, Iraq
Telephone: E-mail: Internet:	(964-1) 778 51 80 iqpo@cosqc.gov.iq https://www.cosqc.gov.iq
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
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
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Iraq:	Iraqi Patent Office (IQPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Iraq is designated (or elected):	Iraqi Patent Office (IQPO) (see National Phase)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, patents of addition
Provisions of the law of Iraq concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Iraq is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Iraq is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No

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PH Philippines

Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 1357, s. 2022, the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Monday, 9 May 2022.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on Tuesday, 10 May 2022.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closure, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

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 **Austrian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2022, are CHF 1,732 (for a search of only the PCT minimum documentation), CHF 1,213 (for a search of only the European and North American documentation), and CHF 866 (for a search of only the German-language documentation).

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

EG Egypt

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 **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 203.

[Updating of Annex D(EG) 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 July 2022, is CHF 1,809.

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

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **euros (EUR)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2022, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR 98
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 49 Supplement for airmail: EUR 10

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

TR Turkey

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 search only on the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 50.

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

UA Ukraine

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 **National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise "Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)"** as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2022, are CHF 102 for searches carried out in Ukrainian or Russian and CHF 306 for searches carried out in English, French or German.

[Updating of Annex D(UA) 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 2022, are CHF 92 (for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation or of only European and North American documentation), CHF 71 (of only Russian language documentation of the former USSR and Ukrainian language documentation), and CHF 61 (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)).

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

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 search of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 548.

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

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

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 full supplementary international search and for a search of only the documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak carried out by the **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2022, are CHF 1,809 and CHF 560, respectively.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

LU Luxembourg

The **Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg)** has notified a change to the filing fee component of the national fee, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, applicable from 1 July 2022, as follows:

Filing fee: EUR 40

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

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EP European Patent Organisation

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 **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2022, is JPY 245,500.

[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 **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2022, is USD 1,065.

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

JP Japan

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 **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2022, is KRW 1,404,000.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) 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 August 2022, are ZAR 35,440 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 17,720 for a small entity and ZAR 8,860 for a micro entity.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has specified the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) – in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022 with the National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus), in its capacity as receiving Office, by nationals and residents of Belarus.

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

IQ Iraq

Information on the requirements of the **Iraqi Patent Office (IQPO)** as receiving Office is provided in Annex C(IQ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: CEASING OF DEVELOPMENT, DISTRIBUTION AND SUPPORT FOR THE PCT-SAFE SOFTWARE BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

IB International Bureau of WIPO

As of 30 June 2022, the International Bureau will end its development, distribution and support of the PCT-SAFE software. The final release was in April 2022, and no further updates to the software will be provided (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette), dated 8 July 2021, p. 124).

The Korean Intellectual Property Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) are the only two remaining receiving Offices that have not yet formally notified the International Bureau of their intention to stop accepting PCT-SAFE filings. However, whilst PCT applicants may be able to continue to prepare and file PCT applications using existing versions of the PCT-SAFE software from 1 July 2022, the International Bureau specifically recommends against doing so.

Any remaining PCT-SAFE users are strongly advised to transition to ePCT-Filing as soon as possible.

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IQ IRAQI PATENT OFFICE (IQPO) IQ

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Iraq
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Arabic, English[1]
Language in which the request may be filed:	Arabic, English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the "due care" and the "unintentional" criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Canadian Intellectual Property Office, Egyptian Patent Office, European Patent Office or Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Canadian Intellectual Property Office,[2] Egyptian Patent Office, European Patent Office[2] or Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Iraqi dinar (IQD) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	IQD 77,075 or USD 55
International filing fee:[3]	USD 1,437
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:[3]	USD 16
Search fee:	See Annex D(CA), (EG), (EP) or (TR)
Fee for priority document:	IQD 37,000 or USD 25
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	None
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Iraq Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or patent agent registered before the Office
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

[1] Depending on the applicant's choice of competent International Searching Authority, a translation into a corresponding language (see Annex D) may have to be furnished by the applicant (PCT Rule 12.3).

[2] The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

[3] This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2022, is ZAR 30,060.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forints (HUF)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** 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 2022, are HUF 680,100 and ZAR 30,060.

[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 **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2022, are USD 358 for searches carried out in Korean and USD 955 for searches carried out in English.

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

US United States of America

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 **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2022, are NZD 3,368 for an entity other than a small or micro-entity; NZD 1,684 for a small entity, and NZD 842 for a micro-entity.

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

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Visegrad Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2022, is HUF 680,100.

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RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has specified the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) – in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022 with the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), in its capacity as receiving Office, by nationals and residents of the Russian Federation.

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

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)[1] of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule will enter into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (a-*bis*) is added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description.

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int//pct/en/texts/

DE Germany

In accordance with Section 332(a-*bis*) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, which will enter into force on 1 July 2022, the **German Patent and Trade Mark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the language of language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept under Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description is German. The Office permits the language-dependent free text to be provided additionally in English as a second language.

IB International Bureau of WIPO

In accordance with Section 332(a-*bis*) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, which will enter into force on 1 July 2022, the **International Bureau**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified that for language-dependent free text for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, it is prepared, under Rule 12.1(d), to accept any language. The International Bureau will accept the language-dependent free text be provided also in English, as a second language.

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EA Eurasian Patent Organization

Further to the notification by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** that the Agreement between the Office and the International Bureau will enter into force on 1 July 2022 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 May 2022, page 112), information on the requirements of the Office functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, with effect from 1 July 2022, is given in Annexes D(EA) and E(EA), as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

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RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **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 2022, are CHF 129 and EUR 125 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 605 and EUR 586 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 August 2022, are CHF 179 and CHF 286 (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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During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)[1] of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule will enter into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (a-*bis*) is added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description.

JP Japan

In accordance with Section 332(a-*bis*) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, which will enter into force on 1 July 2022, the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified that for language-dependent free text for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, it is prepared, under Rule 12.1(d), to accept: English. The Office will accept the language-dependent free text be provided also in a language other than English, as a second language.

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int//pct/en/texts/

D International Searching Authorities D

EA EURASIAN PATENT OFFICE (EAPO)[1] EA

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):[2]	Russian rouble (RUB)	9,000[3]	40,000[4]
	Euro (EUR)	103[3]	458[4]
	Swiss franc (CHF)	105[3]	467[4]
	US dollar (USD)	111[3]	495[4]
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):[5]	RUB 9,000[3]	40,000[4]	
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	The applicant receives, together with the international search report, a copy of each document containing non-patent literature cited in the report, free of charge		
How to obtain copies:	Applicants and designated (elected) Offices can request copies by e-mail at: info@eapo.org		
Fee(s):	RUB 100 per page		
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1*ter*):	RUB 100 per page		
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100% Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, carried out in respect of an earlier application by the Authority itself or by another International Searching Authority, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search: refund of 25% to 75%		
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):[5]	RUB 3,500		
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1(c)):[5]	RUB 4,000		
Languages accepted for international search:	English, Russian		
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1)?	Yes		
Types of electronic carrier required:	CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD, DVD-R		
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of the Eurasian Patent Convention.		

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1 This Office will act as competent International Searching Authority as from 1 July 2022.

2 This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

3 This fee applies to searches carried out in Russian.

4 This fee applies to searches carried out in English.

5 This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

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Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes[7]
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes[7]
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing

[6] See footnote 1.

[7] Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4, see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

E International Preliminary Examining Authorities E

EA EURASIAN PATENT OFFICE (EAPO)[1] EA

		Examination carried out in: Russian	English
Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):[2]	Russian rouble (RUB)	6,750 (4,500)[3]	24,000 (16,000)[3]
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):[4]	RUB	6,000 (5,000)[3]	23,500 (19,500)[3]
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1):[5]	USD 216		
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):[2]	The applicant receives, together with the international preliminary examination report a copy of each document containing non-patent literature not cited in the international search report, free of charge.		
How to obtain copies:	Applicants and elected Offices can request copies by e-mail at: info@eapo.org		
Fee(s):	RUB 100 per page		
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):[2]	RUB 100 per page		
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%		
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e))[2]	RUB 3,500		
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.2):[2]	RUB 4,000		
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	English, Russian		
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of any subject matter examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of the Patent Regulations under the Eurasian Patent Convention		

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1 This Office will act as competent International Preliminary Examining Authority as from 1 July 2022.

2 This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

3 This fee applies where the international search report was prepared by the Eurasian Patent Office.

4 This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

5 This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

E International Preliminary Examining Authorities E

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Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes[7]
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes[7]
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing

[6] See footnote 1.

[7] Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4, see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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BR Brazil

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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2022, are EUR 323 when filing online and EUR 484 when filing on paper.

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

CA Canada

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 **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2022, is EUR 1,196.

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

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

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 August 2022, are CHF 136, EUR 132 and USD 142, respectively, for searches carried out in Russian; and CHF 605, EUR 586 and USD 631, respectively, for searches carried out in English.

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

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 August 2022, are EUR 1,034 for searches carried out in Japanese and EUR 1,222 for searches carried out in English.

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

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (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 August 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NOK	13,030
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NOK	150
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	NOK	1,960
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	NOK	2,940

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

RU Russian Federation

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 **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2022, are USD 134 for searches carried out in Russian and USD 631 for searches carried out in English.

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

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)[1] of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule will enter into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (a-*bis*) is added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description.

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

In accordance with Section 332(a-*bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the language of the language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description is English or Russian.

The Office also accepts the language-dependent free text to be provided in both Russian and English within a single sequence listing.

KR Republic of Korea

In accordance with Section 332(a-*bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the language of the language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description is English (recommended) or Korean.

The Office also accepts the language-dependent free text to be provided in both English and Korean within a single sequence listing.

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int//pct/en/texts/

NO Norway

In accordance with Section 332(a-*bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the **Norwegian Industrial Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the language of the language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description is Norwegian or English.

The Office also accepts the language-dependent free text to be provided in both Norwegian and English within a single sequence listing.

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TR Turkey

The International Bureau has been notified that the Country name "**Türkiye**" shall be used instead of "Turkey". The corresponding two-letter code (TR) remains unchanged.

[Updating of Annexes B1(TR), C(TR) and L, and the National Chapter (Summary) (TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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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 (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 August 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	HUF512,100
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	HUF 5,800
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	HUF 77,000
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	HUF115,500

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

IQ Iraq

The **Iraqi Patent Office (IQPO)** has specified the **Australian Patent Office** – in addition to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, the Egyptian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 20 June 2022 with the IQPO (or with the International Bureau), in its capacity as receiving Office, by nationals and residents of Iraq.

[Updating of Annex C(IQ) 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 BY RECEIVING OFFICES, INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES, AUTHORITIES SPECIFIED FOR SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH, AND INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and in accordance with Sections 703, 710(b) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, 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 of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 18 March 2021, pages 51 *et seq*.

With effect from 1 July 2022, the EPO will no longer accept sequence listings submitted under WIPO Standard ST.25. As from that date, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings will be WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, as from 1 July 2022, the items concerning electronic document formats specified by the EPO in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) will be the following:

FILING VIA EPO ONLINE FILING:

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 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)

– ASCII (7- and 8-bit) (see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

– PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

– TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

FILING VIA THE EPO WEB-FORM FILING SERVICE:

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

– PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

FILING VIA THE EPO CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:

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

– WIPO Standard ST.26 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)

– PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

FILING VIA ePCT-FILING:

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

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

– DOCX containing JPEG converted into XML before submission

– WIPO Standard ST.26 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)

– PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

– TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

FILING VIA ONLINE FILING 2.0 WITH INTEGRATED ePCT-FILING:

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

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

– DOCX containing JPEG converted into XML before submission

– WIPO Standard ST.26 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)

– PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

– TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

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

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

MY Malaysia

In accordance with PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(a)(ii), the **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau that, as from 30 June 2022, its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material are as follows:

Designated (or elected) Office	Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		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 Offices concerned
	the indications prescribed in Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
MY - Malaysia Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia	Where applicant requests publication earlier than 16 months from the priority date, not later than that request	At the time of filing (in the description)	Relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism. If the depositor is not the applicant, an authorization letter from the depositor must accompany the application at the time of filing or within 16 months from the priority date, or, where the applicant requests publication earlier than 16 months from the priority date, not later than that request.

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)[1] of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule will enter into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (a-*bis*) is added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description.

CA Canada

In accordance with Section 332(a-*bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the language of the language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description is English or French.

The Office also accepts the language-dependent free text to be provided in both English and French within a single sequence listing.

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int//pct/en/texts/

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MODIFICATIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with Offices, Authorities and certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system, pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the main purpose of which is to implement the new WIPO Standard ST.26 as the means for presentation of nucleotide and amino acid sequences in international applications, were promulgated[1] with effect from 1 July 2022. These modifications were reproduced in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 24 February 2022, pages 55 *et. seq.*

Further to the aforementioned modifications, additional changes to the Administrative Instructions were promulgated[2], also with effect from 1 July 2022. The main purposes of these additional modifications are:

(i) to remove the reference to PCT/ISA/233 from the text of the Administrative Instructions, since the form is deleted with effect from 1 July 2022[1] (Section 102(a)(iii));

(ii) to clarify the procedures concerning the excuse of delays in meeting time limits and extensions of time limits under PCT Rule 82*quater*, and to establish a legal basis for waiver, by an Office, Authority or the International Bureau, of the need for evidence concerning an excuse of delay in meeting time limits (Sections 111(a) and (f));

(iii) to establish additional Gazette publication requirements by the International Bureau as a result of the amendments to Rule 82*quater* (Sections 111(b-*bis*) and (g), and paragraph 16 of Annex E); and

(iv) to remove references to the notification under Section 705*bis*(a), since the requirement for the notification was deleted from Section 705*bis*(a) with effect since 1 January 2019[3] (Sections 710(b) and (c), and 714(a)).

The full text of the Administrative Instructions as in force since 1 July 2022 (PCT/AI/23) is available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/

1 Refer to Circular C. PCT 1636 of 9 February 2022.
2 Refer to Circular C. PCT 1644 of 27 June 2022.
3 Refer to Circular C. PCT 1526, dated February 5, 2018, and Circular C. PCT 1555, dated December 19, 2018.

TEXT OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS
(as in force from 1 July 2022)

PART 1 -
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO GENERAL MATTERS

Section 102
Use of the Forms

(a) Subject to paragraphs (b) to (k) and Section 103, the International Authorities shall use, or require the use of, the mandatory Forms specified below:

(i) [*No change*]

(ii) [*No change*]

(iii) Forms for use by the International Searching Authorities:

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PCT/SISA/501	PCT/SISA/504	PCT/SISA/507	
PCT/SISA/502	PCT/SISA/505	PCT/SISA/510	
PCT/SISA/503	PCT/SISA/506		

(iv) [*No change*]

(v) [*No change*]

(b) to (k) [*No change*]

Section 111
Excuse of Delay in Meeting Time Limits and
Extension of Time Limits under Rule 82*quater*

(a) Where the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search, the International Preliminary Examining Authority, or the International Bureau receives a request under Rule 82*quater*.1 or 82*quater*.2 for the excuse of a delay in meeting a time limit, it shall promptly:

(i) [*No change*]

(ii) where applicable, transmit a copy of such a request, a copy of any evidence or statement furnished and a copy of its decision to the International Bureau.

(b) [*No change*]

(b-*bis*) The International Bureau shall promptly publish any waiver notified to it under Rule 82*quater*.1(d) in the Gazette.

(c) [*No change*]

(d) [*No change*]

(e) [*No change*]

(f) Where the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search, the International Preliminary Examining Authority, or the International Bureau establishes a period of extension or additional period of extension under Rule 82*quater*.3, any time limit fixed in the Regulations for performing a particular action before that specific Office, Authority or the International Bureau which would expire during that period shall, subject to Rule 80.5, expire on the first day after the expiration of that period.

(g) The International Bureau shall promptly publish in the Gazette any notification of period of extension or additional period of extension received by it under Rule 82*quater*.3.

PART 7 - INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS

Section 710 Notification and Publication of Receiving Offices' Requirements and Practices

(a) [*No change*][4] A notification by a receiving Office to the International Bureau under Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 703(a) that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form shall indicate, where applicable:

(i) [*No change*] the electronic document formats (including, where applicable, the versions of such electronic document formats), means of transmittal, types of electronic packages, electronic filing software and types of electronic signature specified by it under Section 703(b)(i) to (iv) and (c), and any options specified by it under the basic common standard;

(ii) [*No change*] the conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt, including hours of operation, choices for processes to verify or acknowledge receipt, choices for electronic communication of invitations and notifications, any methods of online payment, details concerning any help desks, electronic and software requirements and other administrative matters related to the filing in electronic form of international applications and related documents;

(iii) [*No change*] the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to or by the Office in electronic form;

(iv) [*No change*] whether and under what conditions the Office accepts the filing under Section 706(a) and (f), of documents in pre-conversion formats and the electronic document format(s) (including, where applicable, the versions of such electronic document format(s)) accepted by it under that Section;

(v) [*No change*] procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available;

(vi) [*No change*] the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office, and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued;

(vii) [*No change*] the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form.

(b) The receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of any change in the matters previously indicated by it in a notification under paragraph (a) of this Section.

(c) The International Bureau shall promptly publish in the Gazette any notification received by it under paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section.

(d) [*No change*]

[4] Editor's note: Paragraphs 710(a)(i) to (vii) are not modified, but have been reproduced here for ease of reference.

Section 714
Furnishing by the International Bureau of Copies of Documents Kept in Electronic Form; Designated Offices' Signature Requirements

(a) Where any International Searching Authority, International Preliminary Examining Authority or designated Office has not notified the International Bureau in accordance with Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that it is prepared to process international applications in electronic form, the International Bureau shall furnish to that Office or Authority a copy on paper of any document which is kept by the International Bureau in electronic form and which that Office or Authority is entitled to receive. The International Bureau may also, upon request by the Authority or Office concerned, furnish such copy in electronic form.

(b) [*No change*]

ANNEX E -
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1. to 15. [*No change*]

16. Any period of extension or additional period of extension under Rule 82*quater*.3.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: 1300 65 10 10 (local)
(61-2) 6222 3626 (international)

[Updating of Annex B1(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ERRONEOUSLY FILED ELEMENTS AND PARTS: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES OF COMPATIBILITY OF PCT RULES 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) AND 20.5*bis*(d) WITH NATIONAL LAWS

EP European Patent Organisation

Further to its notifications[5] under PCT Rule 20.8(a-*bis*) and (b-*bis*), regarding the incompatibility of the legal framework of the *Convention on the Grant of European Patents (EPC)* with PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and 20.5*bis*(d) concerning erroneously filed elements and parts of international applications (refer to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 30 January 2020, pages 11 and 12), the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacities as receiving Office and designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that, following the entry into force of new Rule 56a EPC, the *Convention on the Grant of European Patents* will be compatible with the aforementioned PCT Rules as from **1 November 2022**.

[5] The current list of PCT reservations, declarations, notifications and incompatibilities is available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: NOTIFICATION BY OFFICES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES

Since 1 July 2020, any PCT receiving Office ("RO"), International Searching Authority ("ISA"), Authority specified for supplementary international search ("SISA"), or International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") may participate, as a "participating Office", in the exchange of PCT fees from one Office (the "collecting Office") to another (the "beneficiary Office") via the International Bureau ("IB") for PCT purposes (the "WIPO Fee Transfer Service"), pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2 and in accordance with the provisions set out in Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

An Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service as a collecting Office may transfer the following fees and related differences, in accordance with Annex G of the Administrative Instructions:

- **international filing fee** (Rule 15.2(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of the International Bureau;
- **search fee** (Rule 16.1(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority;
- **supplementary search fee** (Rule 45*bis*.3(b)) collected by the International Bureau for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an Authority specified for supplementary search;
- **handling fee** (Rule 57.2(c) or (d)) collected by an International Preliminary Examining Authority for the benefit of the International Bureau; and
- **differences relating to the search fee** (Rule 16.1(e)) received by an Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority in a currency other than its fixed currency.[6]

Furthermore, pursuant to Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 3, the transfer of the above fees and differences from the collecting Office to the International Bureau, for the further transfer to the beneficiary Office, is considered to be the transfer of said fees in accordance with the applicable Rule, and is not considered to be a payment by the collecting Office to a third party.

Between 1 January and 30 June 2022 (inclusive),[7] the following Office notified the International Bureau of its participation in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.1 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT:

[6] Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

[7] The complete list of Offices participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, as of 31 December 2021, is available in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 13 January 2022 (pages 7 *et seq.*).

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
NL Netherlands Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

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JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** and **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 September 2022, are SGD 1,743 and USD 1,250 for searches carried out in English, and USD 1,057 for searches carried out in Japanese.

[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 **Singapore dollars (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2022, are SGD 484 for searches carried out in Korean and SGD 1,290 for searches carried out in English.

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

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** and **Korean won (KRW)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2022, are JPY 217,300 and KRW 2,074,000.

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

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CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 23 June 2016, pages 133 *et seq.* (as modified in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 27 February 2020, pages 30 *et seq.*).

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, CNIPA will no longer accept sequence listings submitted under WIPO Standard ST.25. As from that date, the electronic document format for the filing of sequence listings must comply with WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by CNIPA in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

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

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)[1] of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule will enter into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (a-*bis*) is added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description.

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int//pct/en/texts/

IL Israel

In accordance with Section 332(a-*bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the **Israel Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the language of the language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description is English.

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

MA Morocco

In accordance with Section 332(a-*bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the **Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the language of the language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description is French.

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

MX Mexico

In accordance with Section 332(a-*bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the language of the language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description is Spanish.

The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be provided in both Spanish and English within a single sequence listing.

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

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EA Eurasian Patent Organisation

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Russian roubles (RUB)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 July 2022, is RUB 2,000.

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

MY Malaysia

The **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees and of an amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)), in **Malaysian ringgit (MYR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 18 March 2022, are as follows:

		Electronic filing		*Paper filing*
Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):		MYR	550	[No change]
plus, for one to ten pages:				MYR 5
plus, for 11 to 20 pages:				MYR 10
plus, for 21 to 50 pages:				MYR 40
plus, for 51 pages or more:				MYR 60
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):		MYR	550	for first 10 pages
	plus	MYR	7	per page, for each additional page
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):		MYR	150	

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

LT Lithuania

The **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning its specification of competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities. In particular, with effect since 12 July 2022, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI) are the only competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Lithuania before the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania, or before the receiving Office of the International Bureau.

Furthermore, the Office notified that, also with effect since 12 July 2022, the languages in which the international application may filed are Lithuanian and English, and the language in which the request may be filed is English.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national fee,[1] in **Russian roubles (RUB)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 July 2022, as follows:

Unitary procedural fee (for filing, search, publication and other processing)[2]	RUB	36,000
Claim fee for each claim:		
– in excess of five:[3]	RUB	4,800
– in excess of 20:[3]	RUB	5,200
– in excess of 50:[3]	RUB	6,500

[1] This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person who is a national or resident of any of the States party to the Eurasian Patent Convention, by 70% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a state science or a state educational organization of any of the States party to the Eurasian Patent Convention, by 10% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a legal person with a principal place of business in any of the States party to the Eurasian Patent Convention and by 50% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person who is a national or resident of any of the states listed on the Office's website at: www.eapo.org/ru/documents/norm/prilposh_2019.html

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

[3] Must be furnished or paid within two months from the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) or within two months from the date on which the applicant files a special request for early entry into the national phase.

Examination fee:

– for one invention:	RUB 40,000
– for a group of inventions including one independent claim:	RUB 40,000
– additional fee for the second independent claim:	RUB 25,000
– additional fee for each independent claim in excess of two claims:	RUB 13,000

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

The unitary procedural fee is reduced by 25% where an international search report has been established, or by 40% where an international search report has been established by the EAPO.

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

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Austrian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 February 2014, pages 26 *et seq.* (as modified by the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 July 2019, page 102).

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by in the notifications published in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

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

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Australian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 28 July 2016, pages 163 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)

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

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

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 2 June 2016, pages 108 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)

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

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

DK Denmark

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Danish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 7 July 2016, pages 157 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)

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

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

IE Ireland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office of Ireland**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 July 2019, pages 105 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)

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

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

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

MY Malaysia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 25 September 2014, pages 138 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

– TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

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

RS Serbia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 22 February 2018, pages 196 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

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

SE Sweden

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 31 May 2018, pages 244 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

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

TN Tunisia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 21 November 2019, pages 182 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

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

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– 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)

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

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)[4] of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (a-*bis*) is added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,[5] the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(a-*bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Offices, in their capacity as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau of the language(s) of the language-dependent free text which they are prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

[4] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int//pct/en/texts/

[5] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (Portuguese, English or Spanish). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

CN China

The **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** is prepared to accept Chinese or English. The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both Chinese and English within a single sequence listing.

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

IE Ireland

The **Intellectual Property Office of Ireland** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

MY Malaysia

The **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)** is prepared to accept Danish, English, Finnish, Norwegian, or Swedish. The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and another filing language.

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

TN Tunisia

The **National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia)** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (Arabic, French or English). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

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BR Brazil

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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2022, are CHF 315 when filing online and CHF 471 when filing on paper.

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

EA Eurasian Patent Organisation (EAPO)

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 September 2022, are EUR 157 for searches carried out in Russian; and EUR 697 for searches carried out in English.

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

GB United Kingdom

New equivalent amounts in **pounds sterling (GBP)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 September 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	GBP	1,132
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	GBP	13
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	GBP	170
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	GBP	255

[Updating of Annex C(GB) 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 September 2022, is CHF 1,024.

[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 September 2022, are USD 126, or USD 31 in the case of filing by an individual.

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

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (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 September 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD	2,208
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD	25
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	NZD	332
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	NZD	498

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) 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 September 2022, are EUR 148 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 697 for searches carried out in English.

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

JO Jordan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 13 July 2017, pages 106 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

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

NZ New Zealand

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 25 September 2014, pages 140 *et seq*. (as corrected in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 13 November 2014, page 173).

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

– TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

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

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 15 January 2015, pages 5 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

– TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

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

US United States of America

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the filing of international applications in electronic form.

In particular, since 1 July 2022, international applications containing a sequence listing as a separate part of the description should be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format; no fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format.

Furthermore, where the international application is filed on paper, the sequence listing part of the description should be furnished in WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format on physical medium.

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

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)[1] of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int//pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (a-*bis*) is added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,[2] the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(a-*bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Offices, in their capacity as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau of the language(s) of the language-dependent free text which they are prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** is prepared to accept English, French or German. The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and another filing language within a single sequence listing.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** is prepared to accept English, or the same language as used in the international application (French or German). The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and any other language within a single sequence listing.

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

JO Jordan

The **Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (Arabic or English). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

[2] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (Chinese or English). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(US) 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 changes 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, as follows:

> The entire printable copy of the sequence listing and identifying data should be contained within one text file (for applications with a filing date prior to 1 July 2022, WIPO Standard ST.25 applies) or one XML file (for applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, WIPO Standard ST.26 applies) on a single standard (ISO 9660) CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD or DVD-R.

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

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AU Australia

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 **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2022, is USD 1,502.

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

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (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 October 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NOK	13,830
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NOK	160
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	NOK	2,080
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	NOK	3,120

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

ZA South Africa

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 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 October 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	23,410
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	260
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ZAR	3,520
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ZAR	5,280

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

BG Bulgaria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 21 April 2016, pages 79 *et seq.* (as modified by the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 3 December 2020, page 269).

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notifications published in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

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

GB United Kingdom

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office[1] (United Kingdom)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 32/2004 of 5 August 2004, pages 18092 *et seq.* (as modified by the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 28 April 2022, page 103).

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notifications published in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

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

IT Italy

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 23 November 2017, pages 179 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

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

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

– WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

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

LT Lithuania

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 November 2021, pages 190 *et seq*. (as corrected in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 25 November 2021, pages 208 *et seq.*).

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notifications published in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

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

PL Poland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (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 published the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 5 November 2015, pages 178 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

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

QA Qatar

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 August 2015, pages 136 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

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

SA Saudi Arabia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 22 January 2015, pages 13 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

– TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

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

SK Slovakia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 2 June 2016, pages 112 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

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

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)[2] of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

[2] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int//pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (a-*bis*) is added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,[3] the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(a-*bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Offices, in their capacity as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau of the language(s) of the language-dependent free text which they are prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

BG Bulgaria

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (Bulgarian, English or Russian). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Offic**e is prepared to accept English, French, German or Italian. The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and another filing language within a single sequence listing.

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

[3] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf

LT Lithuania

The **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (English or Lithuanian). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (English, French, German or Polish). The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and another filing language within a single sequence listing.

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

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (Arabic or English). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic** prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (English, French, German or Slovak). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

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AT Austria

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 **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2022, is USD 1,816.

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

BR Brazil

In accordance with 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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2022, are USD 306 when filing online, and USD 459 when filing on paper.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

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 **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2022, is USD 1,816.

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

ES Spain

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 **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2022, is USD 1,816.

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

FI Finland

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 **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2022, is USD 1,816.

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

SE Sweden

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 **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2022, is USD 1,816.

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

TR Türkiye

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 **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2022, is USD 1,816.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

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 **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2022, is USD 1,816.

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

XV Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)

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 **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2022, is USD 1,816.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

AM Armenia

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Armenia** has specified the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) – in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 7 July 2022 with the Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Armenia, the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO, in their capacity as receiving Offices, by nationals and residents of Armenia.

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

KG Kyrgyzstan

The **State Agency of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzpatent)** has specified the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) – in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022 with Kyrgyzpatent, the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO, in their capacity as receiving Offices, by nationals and residents of Kyrgyzstan.

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

TJ Tajikistan

The **National Center for Patents and Information under the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan** has specified the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) – in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 6 July 2022 with the National Center for Patents and Information under the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO, in their capacity as receiving Offices, by nationals and residents of Tajikistan.

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

AL Albania

The **General Directorate of Industrial Property (GDIP) (Albania)** in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 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 2022, 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 XML (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: (355-69) 785 6715
- by e-mail at: info@dppi.gov.al

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 (www.dppi.gov.al).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm).
– Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf).

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(AL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LV Latvia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Latvian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 February 2015, pages 34 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (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)

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

UG Uganda

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 13 February 2020, pages 20 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (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)

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

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During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)[1] of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (a-*bis*) is added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,[2] the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(a-*bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Offices, in their capacity as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau of the language(s) of the language-dependent free text which they are prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

LV Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

UG Uganda

The **Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

1 Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int//pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

2 Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf

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CL Chile

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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2022, are as follows:

Search fee:	EUR 1,954
Reduced search fee for natural persons and legal entities:	EUR 391 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States that benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion.)
Reduced search fee for universities:	EUR 293 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee.)

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

PH Philippines

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 **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2022, are EUR 977 or EUR 391 (the latter applies where the applicant is a small entity).[1]

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

[1] A small entity refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

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 2022, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	10.91	(online)
	EUR	21.82	(on paper)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	16.37	(electronic copy)
	EUR	43.62	(paper copy)
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	EUR	163.60	(request filed online)
	EUR	327.20	(request filed on paper)

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

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of the national filing fee in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, also applicable since 1 July 2022, are as follows:

National fee:[2]

For patent:

Filing fee:[3]	EUR	54.54	(online)
	EUR	109.08	(on paper)

For utility model:

Filing fee:[3]	EUR	54.54	(online)
	EUR	109.08	(on paper)

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

[2] If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the applicant may still file the translation and/or 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.

[3] Includes publication and examination.

UA Ukraine

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 **National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise "Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)"**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2022, are USD 102 for searches carried out in Ukrainian or Russian, and USD 306 for searches carried out in English, French or German.

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

US United States of America

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 **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2022, are EUR 2,132 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, EUR 1,066 for a small entity, and EUR 533 for a micro entity.

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

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Corrigendum

The reference to Annex F, section 3.1.1.2 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as contained in the notifications by receiving Offices and Authorities published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 19 May 2022 (pages 133 and 136), 30 June 2022 (pages 165-166), 14 July 2022 (page 178), 21 July 2022 (pages 184-190), 28 July 2022 (pages 197-199) and 4 August 2022 (pages 205-210), was incorrect.

The correct reference with regard to the electronic document format for sequence listings (WIPO Standard ST.26 XML) is Annex F, section 3.1.1.4. Consequently, the item concerning the electronic document format "WIPO Standard ST.26 XML", contained in notifications published in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette), is replaced by the following:

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

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

[Updating of Annexes C(AT), (AU), (BG), (BR), (CN), (DE), (DK), (EP), (GB), (IE), (IT), (JO), (LT), (MK), (MY), (NZ), (PL), (QA), (RS), (SA), (SE), (SG), (SK) and (TN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BN Brunei Darussalam

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Brunei Darussalam Intellectual Property Office (BruIPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 January 2016, pages 9 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (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)

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

CZ Czechia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 25 June 2015, pages 101 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (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)

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

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

ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 03/2004, pages 1732 *et seq.* (as modified by the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 October 2010, page 175, and 12 August 2021, page 136).

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (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)

– ASCII (see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

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

GE Georgia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 1 June 2017, pages 82 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (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)

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

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)[4] of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

[4] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int//pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (a-*bis*) is added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,[5] the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(a-*bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Offices, in their capacity as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau of the language(s) of the language-dependent free text which they are prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

BN Brunei Darussalam

The **Brunei Darussalam Intellectual Property Office (BruIPO)** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

CZ Czechia

The **Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic** is prepared to accept English, French, German or Czech. The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in English and another filing language within a single sequence listing.

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

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** is prepared to accept Spanish. The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and Spanish within a single sequence listing.

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

[5] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf

GB United Kingdom

The **Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom)**[6] is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (English or Welsh). The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and Welsh within a single sequence listing.

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

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (English, Georgian or Russian). The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and another filing language within a single sequence listing.

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

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

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BN Brunei Darussalam

The **Brunei Darussalam Intellectual Property Office (BruIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and now accepts the filing of all types of documents by e-mail (at: patents@bruipo.gov.bn); the original hard copy of the document(s) must still be furnished in all cases.

[Updating of Annex B1(BN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEVING OFFICES

CV Cabo Verde

The **Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 September 2022 with IGQPI, or with the receiving Office of the International Bureau of WIPO, by nationals and residents of Cabo Verde.

JM Jamaica

Information on the requirements of the **Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO)** as receiving Office is provided in Annex C(JM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)[1] of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (a-*bis*) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022.

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int//pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,[2] the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(a-*bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of the language(s) of the language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

JM Jamaica

The **Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO)** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents ("DAS"), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly. Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and 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) in a wide variety of media and formats.

Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, or Section 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, are published by the International Bureau at:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

IR Islamic Republic of Iran

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office, with effect since 1 August 2022.[3]

[Updating of Annex B1(IR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[2] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf

[3] For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=12533

PL Poland

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as an accessing Office, with effect from 1 September 2022.[4]

[4] For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=12536

C Receiving Offices C

JM JAMAICA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE (JIPO) JM

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Jamaica
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language accepted for language-dependent free text in the sequence listing:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form?[1, 2]	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing[3]
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the "unintentional" and the "due care" criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office or European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office or European Patent Office[4]

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[1] Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see "Fees payable to the receiving Office").

[2] Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format; no fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format.

[3] With effect from 22 August 2022. The relevant notification by the Office will be published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* shortly.

[4] The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

C Receiving Offices C

JM JAMAICA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE (JIPO) JM

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Jamaican dollar (JMD)
Transmittal fee:	JMD 8,500
International filing fee:[5]	Equivalent in JMD of US dollars 1,437
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:[5]	Equivalent in JMD of US dollars 16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	Equivalent in JMD of US dollars 216[6]
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	Equivalent in JMD of US dollars 324[6]
Search fee:	See Annex D(AT), (AU), (CA) or (EP)
Fee for priority document:	JMD 4,500
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	JMD 3,500
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Jamaica Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Jamaica
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes[7]
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	None
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

[5] This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

[6] See footnote 3.

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

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PH Philippines

Due to inclement weather conditions, the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 1 p.m. on 23 August to 24 August 2022 (inclusive). Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell during the aforementioned closure, that period expired on 25 August 2022.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closure, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CU Cuba

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Cuban Industrial Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 28 January 2016, pages 28 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (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)

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

DJ Djibouti

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 October 2021, pages 166 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (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)

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

EC Ecuador

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **National Service of Intellectual Rights (SENADI) (Ecuador)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 July 2019, pages 102 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (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)

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

SI Slovenia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Slovenian Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 21 September 2017, pages 134 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (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)

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

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)[1] of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (a-*bis*) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26[2], the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(a-*bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Offices, in their capacity as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau of the language(s) of the language-dependent free text which they are prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

CU Cuba

The **Cuban Industrial Property Office** is prepared to accept Spanish. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

EC Ecuador

The **National Service of Intellectual Rights (SENADI) (Ecuador)** is prepared to accept Spanish. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

1 Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

2 Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf

EE Estonia

The **Estonian Patent Office** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (English or German). The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and another language within a single sequence listing.

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

SI Slovenia

The **Slovenian Intellectual Property Office** is prepared to accept English, French, German or Slovene. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2022, is ZAR 25,560.

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

HU Hungary

New equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (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 November 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	HUF	549,600
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	HUF	6,200
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	HUF	82,600
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	HUF	124,000

[Updating of Annex C(HU) 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 November 2022, are EUR 124 and EUR 31 (in the case of filing by an individual).

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

RECEVING OFFICES

AZ Azerbaijan

The **Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan** has specified the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) – in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 27 July 2022, by nationals and residents of Azerbaijan, , with the Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO, in their capacity as receiving Offices.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes regarding the required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase, with effect from 3 October 2022, as follows:

Under PCT Article 22: Description, other than any sequence listings; claims, if the description or claims contained in the international application are entirely in a language other than English or French (if amended, as amended only, together with any statement under PCT Article 19).

Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, other than any sequence listings; claims, if the description or claims contained in the international application are entirely in a language other than English or French (if any of those parts has been amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report).

Applicants may enter the national phase with untranslated portions of the description or claims only where those elements of the international application are partly in a language other than English or French; however, untranslated text matter will not be taken into account for the purpose of interpreting the scope of protection sought or obtained.

Furthermore, the Office notified changes to its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* (Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27). As from 3 October 2022, the Office will require the following:

– The name and postal address of each inventor;

– A statement that either (i) the applicant/applicants is/are entitled to apply for a patent, (ii) the applicant is the sole inventor or, if there are joint applicants, the applicants are all inventors and the sole inventors, or (iii) a declaration in accordance with Rule 4.17(ii) of the Regulations under the PCT;

– If the Commissioner reasonably doubts that the person who entered the national phase is the applicant of the international application or his/her legal representative, the Commissioner will require evidence to establish ownership rights in the international application;[1]

– Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not the inventor;

– Evidence of the consent of the appointment of the patent agent is required when the document appointing that agent is submitted by someone other than the patent agent being appointed.

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

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JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of several changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 27 October 2016, pages 216 *et seq*.

In particular, the Office has notified changes to the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, as well as to the available methods of online payment and the details concerning its help desk.

Consequently, with effect since 1 July 2022, the following notification replaces the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette):

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

– XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
(a) JISX 0208
(b) Shift-JIS
(c) IBM943-Unicode3.0/UTF-8 table in IBM AIX

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

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

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

[1] An applicant may provide documentation with the request to enter the national phase establishing how the person who entered the national phase is the applicant of the international application or the legal representative. Such documentation may include: Form PCT/IB/306, a document effecting the transfer of rights, or a change of name document.

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

– online filing (see Annex F, section 5)

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)):

– JPO PAS (Internet version)

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

Enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4) is needed as a signature under PCT Article 14(1)(a)(i).

Text string signature can be used for other purposes, such as the signature for a declaration of inventorship under Section 214.

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 the information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the above-mentioned means of transmittal or document packaging that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates, applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by issuing an error message.

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. 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)):

The following means of online payment are accepted: (i) payment by JPO’s deposit account, (ii) payment to the Japanese government account by online banking, or (iii) payment by credit cards.

In addition, the following means of payment are accepted: (i) payment by patent revenue stamps, or (ii) payment to the Japanese government account by bank transfer.

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

The Office has put in place a support center for online filing.

The task of this support center is to answer questions from users of the service for the online filing of patents, and to serve as a technical hotline in order to help applicants whenever bugs and other technical problems relating to the software and/or server are encountered.

This support center is open from Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays, from 9:00 a.m. until 6:15 p.m., and it may be contacted:

– by phone, at: +81 (0)3 5744 8534
– by fax, at: +81 (0)3 3582 0510

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[2]

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

The Office will accept no filing of documents in 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 electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information on its website (www.jpo.go.jp) concerning the availability of online filing systems.

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)):

– Registrar of Legal Affairs Bureau (www.moj.go.jp/ONLINE/CERTIFICATION/index.html)
– Secom Trust Systems Co., Ltd. (www.secomtrust.net/service/ninsyo/forgid.html)
– Nippon Denshi Ninsho Co., Ltd. (www.ninsho.co.jp/aosign/index.html)
– Teikoku Databank, Ltd. (www.tdb.co.jp/typeA/index.html)
– e-Probatio CA (www.e-probatio.com)

[2] Applicable since 1 April 2016.

– Japannet Corporation (www.japannet.jp/ca/index.html)
– Tohoku Information Systems Co., Inc. (https://www.toinx.net/ebs/info.html)
– JPKI (www.jpki.go.jp)
– J-LIS (www.kojinbango-card.go.jp/kojinbango/)
– GPKI (www.gpki.go.jp)
– LGPKI (www.lgpki.jp)

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

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.

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

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CV Cabo Verde
AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

On 14 July 2022, **Cabo Verde** deposited its instrument of accession to the *Protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs within the Framework of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) (Harare Protocol)* and will become bound by that Protocol on 14 October 2022. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 14 October 2022 will include the designation of Cabo Verde for an ARIPO patent, as well as for a national patent.

Moreover, from 14 October 2022, nationals and residents of Cabo Verde will be able to file international applications with ARIPO in its capacity as receiving Office, in addition to the Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI) (Cabo Verde) and the receiving Office of the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Updating of Annexes B2(AP) and C(AP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AT Austria

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 **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2022, is SGD 2,495.

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

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 November 2022, is NZD 2,428.

[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 **Singapore dollars (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2022, is SGD 2,495.

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

KR Republic of Korea

A new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 November 2022, is KRW 274,000.

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

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)[1] of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (a-*bis*) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,[2] the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(a-*bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of the language(s) it is prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

DJ Djibouti

The **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (Arabic, English or French). The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and another filing language within a single sequence listing.

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

1 Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

2 Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf

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BR Brazil

In accordance with 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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2022, are USD 326 when filing online, and USD 488 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) 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 new amounts, applicable from 1 November 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY	190,300
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY	2,100
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	JPY	42,900
Handling fee:	JPY	28,600

[Updating of Annexes C(JP) and E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

New equivalent amounts in **Swedish kronor (SEK)** 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 new amounts, applicable from 1 November 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SEK	14,650
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SEK	170

Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	SEK	2,200
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	SEK	3,300
Handling fee:	SEK	2,200

[Updating of Annexes C(SE) and E(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

EE Estonia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Estonian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 30 April 2015, pages 71 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (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)

[Updating of Annex C(EE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 10 November 2016, pages 230 *et seq*.

In particular, the Office notified changes to the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, as well as to the details concerning its help desk and to the electronic addresses of certificate policies under which certificates are issued.

Consequently, with effect since 1 July 2022, the following notification replaces the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette):

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

– XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)

– WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (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)

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

– EPO online filing software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

– the international application must be signed by means of a basic electronic signature (text string or facsimile) or by means of an enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3)

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 contains, 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), or if outdated certificates have been used, that a notification of receipt will not be generated. Other errors, such as applications being infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic, are notified to the applicant in the acknowledgement of receipt.

Where it transpires that an acknowledgement of receipt transmitted to the applicant by electronic means 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)):

No online payment is available. The following means of deferred payment are accepted: payment by debit card or by bank transfer.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Within the framework of its service for the electronic filing of patents, the Office has put in place a help desk for applicants.

The task of this help desk is to answer questions from users of the service for the electronic filing of patents, and in particular to serve as a technical hotline in order to help applicants whenever bugs and other technical problems relating to the software and/or server are encountered.

This help desk is open from Monday to Friday, from 9.00 a.m. until 4.15 p.m.

The PRH patent help desk may be contacted as follows:

– by telephone at: (358-0) 29509 5858

– by web form (in Finnish) at the following address:
https://www.prh.fi/fi/patentit/palvelut_ja_tietokannat/epoline_online_filing_eolf/helpdesk.html

– further information:
https://www.prh.fi/en/patentit/servicesanddatabases/patentadvisoryservice.html

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. The files should be in ZIP format and contain texts either in ASCII plain text or in any other commonly known format.

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 to inform the applicant of alternative filing procedures.

The Office will provide on its website (www.prh.fi) information concerning possible interruptions in electronic filing services.

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)):

EPO online filing software:

– citizen certificates on identity cards issued by the Finnish Police (for the certificate policy, see
https://dvv.fi/en/certificates)

– organization certificates on organization cards issued by the Finnish Population Register Center (for the certificate policy, see
https://dvv.fi/en/certificates)

– European Patent Office certificate on EPO smart cards issued by the European Patent Office CA (for the certificate policy, see
www.epo.org/applying/online-services/security.html)

ePCT-Filing:

– WIPO customer certificate issued by the WIPO Customer CA (for the certificate policy, see
https://www.wipo.int/pct-eservices/en/certificates.html)

– European Patent Office certificate on EPO smart cards issued by the European Patent Office CA (for the certificate policy, see
www.epo.org/applying/online-services/security.html)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

ePCT private services provide access to files of international applications to the extent that they are available at the International Bureau.

[Updating of Annex C(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IQ Iraq

Pursuant to PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the Iraqi Patent Office (IQPO), in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form, with effect since **4 September 2022**, 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 XML (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 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: (964-782) 264 19 31

– by e-mail at: IQPO@cosqc.gov.iq

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 (www.cosqc.gov.iq).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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(IQ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JM Jamaica

Pursuant to PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form, with effect since **22 August 2022**, 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 XML (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 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: (876) 946 1300

– by e-mail at: patent@jipo.gov.jm

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 (www.jipo.gov.jm).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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(JM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TR Türkiye

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 28 May 2015, pages 87 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (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)

[Updating of Annex C(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)[1] of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (a-*bis*) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,[2] the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(a-*bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Offices, in their capacity as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau of the language(s) of the language-dependent free text which they are prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

[2] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf

EE Estonia – Corrigendum

Incorrect information was published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 1 September 2022 (page 242), concerning the languages of the language-dependent free text which the **Estonian Patent Office** is prepared to accept.

As indicated in the aforementioned publication, the Office is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (English or German); however, the Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(EE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** is prepared to accept English, Finnish or Swedish. The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and another filing language (Finnish or Swedish) within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MK North Macedonia

The **State Office of Industrial Property (North Macedonia)** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(MK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TR Türkiye

The **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)** is prepared to accept English or the same language as used in the international application (French, German, or Turkish). The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and another filing language (French, German, Turkish) within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CV Cabo Verde

General information on **Cabo Verde** as a PCT Contracting State is provided in Annex B1(CV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

ME Montenegro

The **Ministry of Economic Development, Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Name of Office:	Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism of Montenegro

[Updating of Annex B1(ME) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ME Montenegro
EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

On 15 July 2022, **Montenegro** deposited its instrument of accession to the *European Patent Convention (EPC)* and will become bound by that Convention on 1 October 2022. Consequently, as from 1 October 2022, it will be possible for applicants to designate Montenegro in their international applications for the purposes of obtaining a European patent.

Moreover, from 1 October 2022, nationals and residents of Montenegro will be able to file international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office, in addition to the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Updating of Annexes B1(ME), B2(EP) and C(EP), and of the National Chapter, Summary (EP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

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 November 2022, is USD 304.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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 November 2022, are CHF 999 for an application in Japanese,[1] and CHF 1,181 for an application in English.[2]

[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 **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2022, are CHF 330 for searches carried out in Korean and CHF 880 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

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 **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2022, is EUR 1,593.

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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 fee amounts in **Syrian pounds (SYP)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office since 15 June 2022, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	SYP 5,000
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	SYP 3,000

[Updating of Annex C(SY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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[1] For international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3. 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 international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

RECEVING OFFICES

ME Montenegro
EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), the **Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism of Montenegro** has notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 October 2022, it will cease to act as a receiving Office under the PCT and, from this date, will delegate its receiving Office functions to the **European Patent Office (EPO)**.

However, pursuant to Article 124 of the *Patent Law* of Montenegro and in accordance with PCT Article 27(8), any international application filed by a national or resident of Montenegro, which concerns an invention of significance for the defense and security of Montenegro, must be filed with the Ministry of Defence of Montenegro. Where the Ministry of Defence of Montenegro decides not to apply measures to restrict the publication or communication of the information contained in the international application, the said application will be forwarded to the EPO as receiving Office.

For further information, refer to Articles 124 and 125 of the *Patent Law* of Montenegro and Rule 157(3) of the *European Patent Convention*.

[Updating of Annex B1(ME) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CV Cabo Verde

Pursuant to PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI) (Cabo Verde)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form, with effect from **31 October 2022**, 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 XML (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: (238) 260 43 40
– by e-mail at: dspi@igqpi.gov.cv

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 (www.igqpi.cv).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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.

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General information

Name of Office:	Instituto de Gestão da Qualidade e da Propriedade Intelectual (IGQPI) Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI) (Cabo Verde)
Location and mailing address:	Av. Amílcar Cabral, nº 27 R/C, Plateau, C.P. 7600-146, Praia, Santiago, Cabo Verde
Telephone:	(238) 260 43 40
E-mail:	geraligqpi@mice.gov.cv dspi@igqpi.gov.cv
Internet:	https://www.igqpi.cv
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by e-mail
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission
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)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Cabo Verde:	Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI) (Cabo Verde), ARIPO Office[1] or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Cabo Verde is designated (or elected):	National protection: Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI) (Cabo Verde) ARIPO protection[1]: ARIPO Office (see National Phase)
May Cabo Verde be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, provisional patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of a patent) ARIPO[1]: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to an ARIPO patent)

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[1] With effect from 14 October 2022. For further details, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 15 September 2022, page 251.

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Provisions of the law of Cabo Verde concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Cabo Verde is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Cabo Verde is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within two months from the date of the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes

For an ARIPO patent[2] — See African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (AP) in Annex B2

2 See footnote 1.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CZ Czechia

The **Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: posta@upv.gov.cz

[Updating of Annex B1(CZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ME Montenegro

The **Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism (Montenegro)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone number, e-mail address and Internet address, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (382) 20 234 591

E-mail: dragana.ranitovic@mek.gov.me

Internet: www.gov.me/mek

[Updating of Annex B1(ME) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PH Philippines

Due to inclement weather conditions, the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 26 September 2022. Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell during the aforementioned closure, that period expired on 27 September 2022.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closure, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified the International Bureau of the provisions of its national legislation concerning restrictions to the filing of international applications by nationals and residents of Romania.

In particular, for inventions made in Romania that concern a subject matter of significance for national security, a national or resident of Romania must file the international application directly with the State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania), pursuant to Articles 4(3) and 7 of the *Regulations on the Implementation of the Patent Law No. 64/1991 (approved by Government Decision No. 547/2008 of May 21,2008)*.

[Updating of Annex B1(RO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CN China

Further to the notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 29 October 2020 (page 223), the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau of the extension of the two-year pilot project under which the European Patent Office (EPO) was specified as competent International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) for international applications filed by nationals and residents of China, in English, with the CNIPA or with the receiving Office of the International Bureau, from 1 December 2020 until 30 November 2022. Pursuant to the consensus reached by the CNIPA and the EPO, the pilot project will be extended for one year, from 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023, for a maximum of 3,000 applications.

The terms of the transitional phase will continue to apply, under which applicants who file an international application with the CNIPA as receiving Office and select the EPO as ISA will be required to pay the international search fee directly to the EPO, in **euros (EUR)**.[1] In addition, applicants participating in the pilot, whose international search is performed by the EPO as ISA, may still file a demand for international preliminary examination with the EPO, in its capacity as IPEA.

For additional details, refer to:

https://www.epo.org/news-events/news/2022/20220916.html (in English); and
https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2022/9/16/art_364_153578.html (in Chinese).

[Updating of Annex C(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[1] For a list of fees payable to the EPO as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, refer to the Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (available at: www.wipo.int//pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf), and Annexes D(EP), SISA(EP) and E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

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AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 9 July 2020, pages 150 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (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)

[Updating of Annex C(AP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)[2] of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended Rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

[2] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (a-*bis*) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,[3] the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(a-*bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Offices, in their capacity as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau of the language(s) of the language-dependent free text which they are prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

The **African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(AP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DK Denmark

The **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** is prepared to accept Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian, Swedish, English, French or German. The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and another filing language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(DK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[3] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES

Pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2, an Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service (a "participating Office")[4] as a "collecting Office" may transfer the following fees and related differences to another Office (the "beneficiary Office") via the International Bureau for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT:

- **international filing fee** (Rule 15.2(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office ("RO") for the benefit of the International Bureau ("IB");
- **search fee** (Rule 16.1(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority ("ISA");
- **supplementary search fee** (Rule 45*bis*.3(b)) collected by the International Bureau for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an Authority specified for supplementary search ("SISA");
- **handling fee** (Rule 57.2(c) or (d)) collected by an International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") for the benefit of the International Bureau; and
- **differences relating to the search fee** (Rule 16.1(e)) received by an Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority in a currency other than its fixed currency.[5]

Furthermore, pursuant to Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 3, the transfer of the above fees and differences, from the collecting Office to the International Bureau for the further transfer to the beneficiary Office, is considered to be the transfer of said fees in accordance with the applicable Rule, and is not considered to be a payment by the collecting Office to a third party.

Between 1 July and 30 September 2022 (inclusive), the following Offices notified the International Bureau of their participation, or of a change in the scope of their participation, in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, in accordance with Part II.1 of Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT:

[4] A participating Office may refer to a PCT receiving Office ("RO"), International Searching Authority ("ISA"), Authority specified for supplementary international search ("SISA") or International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA").

[5] Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

	PCT Fee Transfers				
	International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)[6]	Scope of Participation				
EA Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, RU as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/AZ, BY, IB, RU	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in RUB, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/EA* (AM, KG, TJ)
PA Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/BR, CL, EP, ES, US	n/a	n/a	n/a

[6] Rows relating to participating Offices having an agreement with the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the *Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)* are identified by light grey shading.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

KR Republic of Korea

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[1] – Amendments to Annexes A and D

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) and (iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annexes A and D thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 1 December 2022, consist of the addition of **Cabo Verde** to the States indicated in item (i) of Annex A and in item (4) of Part II of Annex D.

As from 1 December 2022, Annexes A and D 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:

Republic of Korea, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United States of America and Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

Republic of Korea, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United States of America and 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/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of fees and charges

[No change]

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) to (3) [No change]

(4) Where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant, is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States, the amount of the search fee to be paid is reduced by 75%: Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.

(5) to (6) [No change]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

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 **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2022, are USD 330 for international applications filed in Korean or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and USD 881 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*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** and **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 December 2022, are NZD 3,820 and ZAR 39,360 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, NZD 1,910 and ZAR 19,680 for a small entity, and NZD 955 and ZAR 9,840 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CV Cabo Verde

The I**nstitute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI) (Cabo Verde)** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Korean Intellectual Property Office – in addition to the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed on or after 17 October 2022 and 1 December 2022, respectively, with IGQPI or the receiving Office of the International Bureau of WIPO, by nationals and residents of Cabo Verde.

Further information on the requirements of the Office, as receiving Office, is provided in Annex C(CV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

C Receiving Offices C

CV INSTITUTE FOR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IGQPI) (CABO VERDE) CV

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Cabo Verde
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, Portuguese[1]
Language(s) in which the sequence listing may be filed:	Same as the language of filing (English or Portuguese); or both
Language in which the request may be filed:	English, Portuguese
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form?[2, 3]	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing[4]
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the due care and the "unintentional" criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office,[5] Korean Intellectual Property Office[6] or National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office,[5, 7] Korean Intellectual Property Office[6] or National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)

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1 Depending on the applicant's choice of competent International Searching Authority, a translation into a corresponding language (see Annex D) may have to be furnished by the applicant (PCT Rule 12.3).

2 Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see "Fees payable to the receiving Office").

3 Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format; no fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format.

4 With effect from 31 October 2022. The relevant notification by the Office will be published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* shortly.

5 With effect from 17 October 2022.

6 With effect from 1 December 2022.

7 The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Cabo Verde escudo (CVE) and Euro (EUR)
Transmittal fee:	Information not yet available
International filing fee:[8]	EUR 1,305
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:[8]	EUR 15
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Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR 196[9]
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR 294[9]
Search fee:	See Annex D(BR), (EP)[10] or (KR)[11]
Fee for priority document:	Information not yet available
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Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Cabo Verde Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person residing in Cabo Verde
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Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
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8 This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).
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UZ Uzbekistan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Agency under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 8 October 2020, pages 206 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26. Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (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)

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[Updating of Annex C(UZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)[1] of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended Rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (a-*bis*) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022.

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,[2] the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

UZ Uzbekistan

In accordance with Section 332(a-*bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the **Intellectual Property Agency under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan** has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept English or Russian for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and Russian within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(UZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[2] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf

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MK North Macedonia

The **State Office of Industrial Property (North Macedonia)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its location and mailing address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:
Str. Dame Gruev, No. 14
1000 Skopje
North Macedonia

[Updating of Annex B1(MK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

DZ Algeria

The **Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau of the amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Algerian dinars (DZD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This fee, applicable since 1 January 2022, is DZD 10,000.

[Updating of Annex C(DZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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PA Panama

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 October 2016, pages 207 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

– XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)

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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

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Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (a-*bis*) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,[2] the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

PA Panama

In accordance with Section 332(a-*bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the **Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)** has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept Spanish for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(PA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

[2] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf

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:

– ePCT system: 19 October 2022, from 2:30 a.m. to 6:25 a.m. CEST (Central European Summer Time)

Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to the unavailability of the above-mentioned service during the indicated period may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82*quater*.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 July 2020, pages 155 *et seq*.

Information concerning this unavailability has been published on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/unavailability.html

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ME Montenegro
EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

The **Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism (Montenegro)** has notified the International Bureau that Montenegro, which became bound by the *European Patent Convention (EPC)* on 1 October 2022, has closed the national route for obtaining patent protection via the PCT, with effect since the aforementioned date.

Consequently, and in accordance with Article 153a of the *Patent Law* of Montenegro and PCT Article 45(2), any designation of Montenegro in an international application filed on or after 1 October 2022 shall constitute an indication under PCT Rule 4.9(iii) that the international application is for the grant of a regional (European) patent for Montenegro.

[Updating of Annex B1(ME) and of the National Chapter, Summary (EP), 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 the Office in its capacity as receiving Office and applicable since 1 December 2021, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD 237	(online)
	[*no change*]	(on paper)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD 32	

[Updating of Annex C(CR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

The **African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)** has clarified the conditions for exemption of national search and examination fees, as follows:

For applications filed on or before 1 January 2017, no search or examination fee is payable, if an international search report or preliminary examination report has been established for the international application.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CA Canada

Agreement between the Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[1] – Amendments to Annex D

The **Canadian Intellectual Property 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, which will take effect on 1 January 2023, consist of changes in the amounts of several fees payable to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

With effect from 1 January 2023, 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 (Canadian dollars)**
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,684.12
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,684.12
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	842.06
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	842.06
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1*ter* and 94.2) in electronic form	
(a) for the first 7 megabytes, plus	[*no change*]
(b) for each additional 10 megabytes or part thereof exceeding the first 7 megabytes	[*no change*]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1*ter* and 94.2), per page (paper)	[*no change*]

Part II. [No change]

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ca.pdf

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CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2023, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	CAD	1,684.12
Additional search fee[2] (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	CAD	1,684.12

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office notified new amounts of fees in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** payable to the Office in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, also applicable from 1 January 2023, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	CAD	842.06
Additional preliminary examination fee[3] (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	CAD	842.06

[Updating of Annex E(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CH Switzerland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 15 June 2017, pages 88 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

[2] This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

[3] This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

– XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)

– WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (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)

[Updating of Annex C(CH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Israel Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 25 August 2016, pages 176 *et seq*. (as modified in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 5 May 2022, page 110).

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (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)

– TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MA Morocco

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 6 April 2017, pages 63 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (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)

[Updating of Annex C(MA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)[4] of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended Rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (a-*bis*) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022.

[4] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,[5] the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

CH Switzerland

In accordance with Section 332(a-*bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept English, French or German for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and another filing language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(CH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[5] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf

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RECEIVING OFFICES

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning its specification of competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities.

In particular, with effect from 1 December 2022, the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Israel Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office (JPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the USPTO are the only competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the United States of America with the USPTO, or with the receiving Office of the International Bureau.

[Updating of Annex C(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CL Chile

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 December 2014, pages 190 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26. Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)

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– TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

– TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

[Updating of Annex C(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

HR Croatia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notifications published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 December 2012, pages 180 *et seq*. and 22 February 2018, pages 193 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26. Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notifications published in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

– XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)

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[Updating of Annex C(HR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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[1] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,[2] the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(a-*bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Offices, in their capacity as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau of the language(s) of the language-dependent free text which they are prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

CL Chile

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** is prepared to accept Spanish. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (Croatian or English). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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[2] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following consultations undertaken by the Director General of WIPO in October 2022, in accordance with the Directives adopted by the PCT Assembly[1] and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the **international filing fee** (including the fee per sheet over 30 and fee reductions when an international application is filed in electronic form) and the **handling fee**, respectively, have been established in **various currencies**, with effect from 1 January 2023, as indicated in table 1 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current equivalent amounts in the prescribed currencies, and, in bold print, the new equivalent amounts of those fees corresponding to the amounts in Swiss francs (CHF) set out in the current Schedule of Fees.[2]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of **search fees** have been established in **receiving Offices' currencies** for all International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 January 2023, as indicated in table 2 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current equivalent amounts (in receiving Offices' currencies) and, in bold print, any new amounts of the search fees fixed,[3] or to be fixed,[4] by the International Searching Authority and the new equivalent amounts of all search fees, in the currencies other than the currency in which the International Searching Authority has fixed its fees.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the **supplementary search fees** have been established in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, also with effect from 1 January 2023, for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, as indicated in table 3 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current amounts of the supplementary search fees (in the currencies in which the Authority has fixed its fees), and, in bold print, any new amounts[5] of the supplementary search fees fixed by the Authority, as well as the new equivalent amounts of those fees in Swiss francs (CHF), with effect from 1 January 2023.

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1 The Directives of the PCT Assembly relating to the establishment of equivalent amounts of certain fees are available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/equivalent_amounts.html

2 Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/rtax.html

3 Applicable only to the search fees fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office.

4 Applicable only to the search fees to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office (PRV), the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent), and the Nordic Patent Institute.

5 Applicable only to the supplementary search fees fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office (PRV), the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent), and the Nordic Patent Institute.

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

Annexes C(AM), (AP), (AT), (AU), (AZ), (BA), (BG), (BH), (BW), (BY), (BZ), (CA), (CL), (CN), (CR), (CV), (CY), (CZ), (DE), (DJ), (DK), (DO), (EA), (EC), (EE), (EG), , (EP), (ES), (FI), (FR), (GB), (GE), (GH), (GR), (HN), (HU), (IB), (IE), (IL), (IN), (IQ), (IS), (IT), (JM), (JO), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KH), (KZ), (LR), (LT), (LU), (LV), (MD), (MT), (MW), (MX), (NI), (NL), (NO), (NZ), (OM), (PA), (PE), (PG), (PH), (PT), (QA), (RO), (RS), (RU), (SA), (SC), (SE), (SG), (SI), (SK), (SV), (SY), (TJ), (TM), (TT), (UA), (UG), (US), (UZ), (WS), (ZA), (ZM), (ZW),

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RECEIVING OFFICES

LV Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning its specification of competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities. In particular, with effect from 1 December 2022, the European Patent Office (EPO) will be the only competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Latvia with the Latvian Patent Office, the EPO or the receiving Office of the International Bureau.

Furthermore, the Office notified that, with effect from 1 February 2023, the languages in which the international application may be filed are Latvian, English, French and German, and the languages in which the request may be filed are English, French and German.

[Updating of Annex C(LV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TM Turkmenistan

The **State Service for Intellectual Property of the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan** has specified the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) – in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 4 November 2022 with the State Service for Intellectual Property of the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan, the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO, in their capacities as receiving Offices, by nationals and residents of Turkmenistan.

[Updating of Annex C(TM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

TH Thailand

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 3 February 2022, pages 36 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26. Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (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)

[Updating of Annex C(TH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)[6] of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended Rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

[6] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (a-*bis*) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,[7] the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

TH Thailand

In accordance with Section 332(a-*bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept English for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(TH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES: NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents ("DAS"), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly. Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and 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) in a wide variety of media and formats.

Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, or Section 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, are published by the International Bureau at:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

LT Lithuania

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as both a depositing and an accessing Office, with effect from 1 January 2023.[8]

[Updating of Annex B1(LT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[7] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf

[8] For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=12645

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2023)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on October 3, 2022	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees Item 3	
				Item 4(a)	Item 4(b)	Item 4(c)		
Reference currency Swiss franc		1,330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar		1,970	22	n.a	296	444	296	Current amount
	0.63700	**2,088**	**24**	n.a	**314**	**471**	**314**	**New amount**
CAD - Canadian dollar		1,811	20	n.a	272	408	272	Current amount
	0.71938	**1,849**	**21**	n.a	**278**	**417**	**278**	**New amount**
CNY - Yuan renminbi		9,280	100	n.a	1,390	2,090	1,390	Current amount
	0.13824	**9,620**	**110**	n.a	**1,450**	**2,170**	**1,450**	**New amount**
DKK - Danish krone		9,710	110	n.a	1,460	2,190	1,460	Current amount
	0.12973	**10,250**	**120**	n.a	**1,540**	**2,310**	**1,540**	**New amount**
EUR - Euro		1,305	15	98	196	294	196	Current amount
	0.96487	**1,378**	**16**	**104**	**207**	**311**	**207**	**New amount**
GBP - Pound sterling		1,132	13	n.a	170	255	n.a	Current amount
	1.10800	**1,200**	**14**	n.a	**181**	**271**	n.a	**New amount**
HUF - Hungarian forint		549,600	6,200	n.a	82,600	124,000	n.a	Current amount *
	0.00227	**585,900**	**6,600**	n.a	**88,100**	**132,200**	n.a	**New amount**
ILS - New Israeli sheqel		**	**	n.a	**	**	695	Current amount
	0.27553	**	**	n.a	**	**	**726**	**New amount**
ISK - Icelandic krona		185,500	2,100	n.a	27,900	41,800	n.a	Current amount
	0.00681	**195,300**	**2,200**	n.a	**29,400**	**44,100**	n.a	**New amount**
JPY - Japanese yen		190,300	2,100	n.a	n.a	42,900	28,600	Current amount *
	0.00682	**195,000**	**2,200**	n.a	n.a	**44,000**	**29,300**	**New amount**
KRW - Korean won		***	***	n.a	n.a	***	274,000	Current amount *
	0.00068	***	***	n.a	n.a	***	**294,000**	**New amount**
NOK - Norwegian krone		13,830	160	n.a	2,080	3,120	n.a	Current amount
	0.09131	**14,570**	160	n.a	**2,190**	**3,290**	n.a	**New amount**
NZD - New Zealand dollar		2,208	25	n.a	332	498	n.a	Current amount
	0.55900	**2,379**	**27**	n.a	**358**	**537**	n.a	**New amount**
SEK - Swedish krona		14,650	170	n.a	2,200	3,300	2,200	Current amount *
	0.08860	**15,010**	170	n.a	**2,260**	**3,390**	**2,260**	**New amount**
SGD - Singapore dollar		1,948	22	n.a	293	439	293	Current amount
	0.68840	**1,932**	22	n.a	**291**	**436**	**291**	**New amount**
USD - US dollar		1,437	16	108	216	324	216	Current amount
	0.98790	**1,346**	**15**	**101**	**202**	**304**	**202**	**New amount**
ZAR - South African rand		23,410	260	n.a	3,520	5,280	n.a	Current amount
	0.05490	**24,230**	**270**	n.a	**3,640**	**5,460**	n.a	**New amount**

* Amounts applicable since November 1, 2022.
** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in New Israeli sheqels of the amounts in US dollars indicated above.
*** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Korean won of the amounts in Swiss francs indicated above.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2023)

International Searching Authority	ISA/AT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR			ISA/CA		
Reference currency & amount	EUR	1,775	AUD	2,200	BRL	2,525	1,685	CAD	1,628.74	
								CAD	**1,684.12** [1]	
Exchange rates applicable on October 3, 2022	*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*			*Exch. Rate*		
CHF - Swiss franc		1,809		1,485		471	315		1,197	Current amount
	1.03641	**1,713**	*1.56986*	**1,401**	*5.48216*	**461**	**307**	*1.39009*	**1,212** [2]	**New amount**
USD - US dollar		1,816		1,502		488 [3]	326 [3]		1,310	Current amount
	1.02387	**1,734**	*1.55086*	**1,419**	*5.41582*	**466**	**311**	*1.37327*	**1,226** [4]	**New amount**
EUR - Euro				1,508		484	323		1,196	Current amount
			1.51471	**1,452**	*5.28957*	**477**	**319**	*1.34125*	**1,256** [5]	**New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar										Current amount
										New amount
DKK - Danish krone										Current amount
										New amount
GBP - Pound sterling										Current amount
										New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint										Current amount
										New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona										Current amount
										New amount
JPY - Japanese yen										Current amount
										New amount
KRW - Korean won		2,465,000		2,018,000						Current amount
	0.00070	**2,536,000**	*0.00107*	**2,056,000**						**New amount**
NOK - Norwegian krone										Current amount
										New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar				2,428 [3]						Current amount
			0.87755	**2,507**						**New amount**
SEK - Swedish krona										Current amount
										New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar		2,495 [3]		2,175						Current amount
	0.71346	**2,488**	*1.08069*	**2,036**						**New amount**
ZAR - South African rand		30,060		25,560 [3]						Current amount
	0.05690	**31,200**	*0.08619*	**25,530**						**New amount**

1. This new amount of the search fee has been fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office with effect from January 1, 2023.
(Refer to *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 10 November 2022, page 298).
2. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the search fee fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office with effect from January 1, 2023.
3. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2022.
4. New equivalent amount in US dollars of the search fee fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office with effect from January 1, 2023.
5. New equivalent amount in Euros of the search fee fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office with effect from January 1, 2023.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2023)

International Searching Authority	**ISA/CL**				**ISA/CN**		**ISA/EA**			**ISA/EG**		**ISA/EP**		
Reference currency & amount	USD	2,000	400	300	CNY	2,100	RUB	40,000	9,000	EGP	4,000	EUR	1,775	
Exchange rates applicable on October 3, 2022	*Exch. Rate*				*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*			*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		
CHF - Swiss franc		1,852	370	278		301		605	136		203		1,809	Current amount
	1.01225	**1,976**	**395**	**296**	*7.23380*	**290**	*58.96226*	**678**	**153**	*19.88072*	**201**	*1.03641*	**1,713**	**New amount**
USD - US dollar						304 [6]		631	142		216		1,816	Current amount
					7.14627	**294**	*58.24882*	**687**	**155**	*19.64016*	**204**	*1.02387*	**1,734**	**New amount**
EUR - Euro		1,954	391	293		299		697	157		199			Current amount
	0.97669	**2,048**	**410**	**307**	*6.97967*	**301**	*56.89092*	**703**	**158**	*19.18231*	**209**			**New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar														Current amount
														New amount
DKK - Danish krone													13,200	Current amount
												0.13445	13,200	**New amount**
GBP - Pound sterling													1,518	Current amount
												1.14834	**1,546**	**New amount**
HUF - Hungarian forint													680,100	Current amount
												0.00235	**755,300**	**New amount**
ISK - Icelandic krona													251,800	Current amount
												0.00706	**251,400**	**New amount**
JPY - Japanese yen													245,500	Current amount
												0.00707	**251,100**	**New amount**
KRW - Korean won														Current amount
														New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone													17,710	Current amount
												0.09463	**18,760**	**New amount**
NZD - New Zealand dollar													2,961	Current amount
												0.57935	**3,064**	**New amount**
SEK - Swedish krona													18,000	Current amount
												0.09183	**19,330**	**New amount**
SGD - Singapore dollar													2,495 [6]	Current amount
												0.71346	**2,488**	**New amount**
ZAR - South African rand													30,060	Current amount
												0.05690	**31,200**	**New amount**

6. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2022.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2023)

International Searching Authority	**ISA/ES**		**ISA/FI**		**ISA/IL**		**ISA/IN**			
Reference currency & amount	EUR	1,775	EUR	1,775	ILS	3,635	INR	10,000	2,500	
Exchange rates applicable on October 3, 2022	*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*			
CHF - Swiss franc		1,809		1,809		1,024		125	31	Current amount
	1.03641	**1,713**	*1.03641*	**1,713**	*3.62937*	**1,002**	*83.33333*	**120**	**30**	**New amount**
USD - US dollar		1,816		1,816		1,065		126	31	Current amount
	1.02387	**1,734**	*1.02387*	**1,734**	*3.58545*	**1,014**	*82.32500*	**121**	**30**	**New amount**
EUR - Euro						1,041		124 [7]	31 [7]	Current amount
					3.50187	**1,038**	*80.40583*	124	31	**New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar										Current amount
										New amount
DKK - Danish krone										Current amount
										New amount
GBP - Pound sterling										Current amount
										New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint										Current amount
										New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona										Current amount
										New amount
JPY - Japanese yen								16,600	4,200	Current amount
							0.56833	**17,600**	**4,400**	**New amount**
KRW - Korean won										Current amount
										New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone										Current amount
										New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar										Current amount
										New amount
SEK - Swedish krona										Current amount
										New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar										Current amount
										New amount
ZAR - South African rand										Current amount
										New amount

7. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2022.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2023)

International Searching Authority	ISA/JP			ISA/KR			ISA/PH			ISA/RU			
Reference currency & amount	JPY	169,000	143,000	KRW	1,200,000	450,000	USD	1,000	400	RUB	40,000	8,500	
Exchange rates applicable on October 3, 2022	*Exch. Rate*			*Exch. Rate*			*Exch. Rate*			*Exch. Rate*			
CHF - Swiss franc		1,181 [8]	999 [8]		880 [8]	330 [8]		926	370		605	129	Current amount
	146.62757	**1,153**	**975**	*1,470.58824*	**816**	**306**	*1.01225*	**988**	**395**	*58.96226*	**678**	**144**	**New amount**
USD - US dollar		1,250	1,057		881 [9]	330 [9]					631	134	Current amount
	144.85337	**1,167**	**987**	*1,452.79412*	**826**	**310**				*58.24882*	**687**	**146**	**New amount**
EUR - Euro		1,222	1,034		869	326		977	391		697	148	Current amount
	141.47654	**1,195**	**1,011**	*1,418.92647*	**846**	**317**	*0.97669*	**1,024**	**410**	*56.89092*	**703**	**149**	**New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar					1,313	492							Current amount
				936.76471	**1,281**	**480**							**New amount**
DKK - Danish krone													Current amount
													New amount
GBP - Pound sterling													Current amount
													New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint													Current amount
													New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona													Current amount
													New amount
JPY - Japanese yen													Current amount
													New amount
KRW - Korean won			1,404,000										Current amount
	0.09971		**1,434,000**										**New amount**
NOK - Norwegian krone													Current amount
													New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar					1,450	544							Current amount
				822.05882	**1,460**	**547**							**New amount**
SEK - Swedish krona													Current amount
													New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar		1,743			1,290	484							Current amount
	100.93842	**1,674**		*1,012.35294*	**1,185**	**445**							**New amount**
ZAR - South African rand													Current amount
													New amount

8. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2022.
9. Amounts applicable from December 1 to December 31, 2022.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2023)

International Searching Authority	**ISA/SE**[10]		**ISA/SG**		**ISA/TR**[11]		**ISA/UA**			
Reference currency	SEK	18,000	SGD	2,240	TRY	18,250	EUR	300	100	
& amount	SEK	**19,330**			TRY	**32,210**				
Exchange rates applicable on October 3, 2022			*Exch. Rate*				*Exch. Rate*			
CHF - Swiss franc		1,809		1,529		1,809		306	102	Current amount
		1,713	*1.45264*	**1,542**		**1,713**	*1.03641*	**289**	**96**	**New amount**
USD - US dollar		1,816		1,652		1,816		306	102	Current amount
		1,734	*1.43507*	**1,561**		**1,734**	*1.02387*	**293**	**98**	**New amount**
EUR - Euro		1,775		1,593 [12]		1,775				Current amount
		1,775	*1.40161*	**1,598**		1,775				**New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar										Current amount
										New amount
DKK - Danish krone		13,200								Current amount
		13,200								**New amount**
GBP - Pound sterling										Current amount
										New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint										Current amount
										New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona		251,800								Current amount
		251,400								**New amount**
JPY - Japanese yen				217,300						Current amount
			0.00991	**226,000**						**New amount**
KRW - Korean won				2,074,000						Current amount
			0.00099	**2,263,000**						**New amount**
NOK - Norwegian krone		17,710								Current amount
		18,760								**New amount**
NZD - New Zealand dollar										Current amount
										New amount
SEK - Swedish krona										Current amount
										New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar										Current amount
										New amount
ZAR - South African rand										Current amount
										New amount

10. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2023, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.
11. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2023, to be fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.
12. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2022.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2023)

International Searching Authority	ISA/US				ISA/XN[13]		ISA/XV		
Reference currency & amount	USD	2,180	1,090	545	DKK DKK	13,200 13,200	EUR	1,775	
Exchange rates applicable on October 3, 2022	*Exch. Rate*						*Exch. Rate*		
CHF - Swiss franc	*1.01225*	2,018 **2,154**	1,009 **1,077**	505 **538**		1,809 **1,713**	*1.03641*	1,809 **1,713**	Current amount **New amount**
USD - US dollar						1,816 **1,734**	*1.02387*	1,816 **1,734**	Current amount **New amount**
EUR - Euro	*0.97669*	2,132 **2,232**	1,066 **1,116**	533 **558**		1,775 1,775			Current amount **New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar									Current amount **New amount**
DKK - Danish krone									Current amount **New amount**
GBP - Pound sterling									Current amount **New amount**
HUF - Hungarian forint							*0.00235*	680,100 **755,300**	Current amount **New amount**
ISK - Icelandic krona						251,800 **251,400**			Current amount **New amount**
JPY - Japanese yen									Current amount **New amount**
KRW - Korean won									Current amount **New amount**
NOK - Norwegian krone						17,710 **18,760**			Current amount **New amount**
NZD - New Zealand dollar	*0.56585*	3,820 [14] **3,853**	1,910 [14] **1,926**	955 [14] **963**					Current amount **New amount**
SEK - Swedish krona						18,000 **19,330**			Current amount **New amount**
SGD - Singapore dollar									Current amount **New amount**
ZAR - South African rand	*0.05560*	39,360 [14] **39,210**	19,680 [14] **19,600**	9,840 [14] **9,800**					Current amount **New amount**

13. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2023, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.
14. Amounts applicable from December 1 to December 31, 2022.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2023)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	**ISA/AT**				**ISA/EP**		**ISA/FI**		**ISA/RU**		
Reference currency & amount	EUR	850 [1]	1,190 [2]	1,700 [3]	EUR	1,775	EUR	1,775	Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles[4]	11,800	18,880 [5]
Exchange rate applicable on October 3, 2022	*Exch. Rate*				*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		
CHF - Swiss franc	*1.03641*	**820**	**1,148**	**1,640**	*1.03641*	**1,713**	*1.03641*	**1,713**	*58.96226*	**200**	**320**

1. For a search of only German-language documentation.
2. For a search of only European and North American documentation.
3. For a search of only the PCT minimum documentation.
4. This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
5. This fee 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).

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2023)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	**ISA/SE**		**ISA/SG**		**ISA/TR**			**ISA/UA**				
Reference currency & amount	SEK	18,000	SGD	2,240	TRY	500 [6]	18,250	EUR	60 [7]	70 [8]	90 [9]	90 [10]
	SEK	**19,330** [11]			TRY		**32,210** [12]					
Exchange rate applicable on October 3, 2022			*Exch. Rate*					*Exch. Rate*				
CHF - Swiss franc		**1,713** [13]	*1.45264*	**1,542**		**47** [14]	**1,713** [14]	*1.03641*	**58**	**68**	**87**	**87**

6. For a search only on the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority.
7. This fee 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).
8. For a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation.
9. For a search of only the European and North American documentation.
10. For a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation.
11. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2023.
12. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2023.
13. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2023.
14. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2023.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2023)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	**ISA/XN**			**ISA/XV**		
Reference currency & amount	DKK	4,000 [15]	13,200	EUR	550 [16]	1,775
	DKK		13,200 [17]			
Exchange rate applicable on October 3, 2022				*Exch. Rate*		
CHF - Swiss franc		**519** [18]	**1,713** [18]	*1.03641*	**531**	**1,713**

15. For a search only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish held in the search collection of the Authority.
16. For a search only on the documents in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak held in the search collection of the Authority.
17. This amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2023.
18. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2023.

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NL Netherlands

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Netherlands Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 11/2005, of 17 March 2005, pages 7068 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26. Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the PCT Gazette is 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 XML (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)

[Updating of Annex C(NL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 June 2015, pages 92 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26. Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (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)

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[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)[1] of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended Rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (a-*bis*) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,[2] the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(a-*bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of the language(s) of the language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

[2] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf

ZA South Africa

The **Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) 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 2023, 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
2 January 2023,
7 and 10 April 2023,
18 May 2023,
29 May 2023,
25 December 2023, and
29 December 2023.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** national Offices or other intergovernmental organizations.

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: COMMON TIMETABLE FOR FEE LISTS AND FEE TRANSFERS

Since 1 July 2020, any PCT receiving Office ("RO"), International Searching Authority ("ISA"), Authority specified for supplementary international search ("SISA"), or International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") may participate, as a "participating Office", in the exchange of PCT fees from one Office (the "collecting Office") to another (the "beneficiary Office") via the International Bureau ("IB") for PCT purposes (the "WIPO Fee Transfer Service"), pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2 and in accordance with the provisions set out in Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

Common Timetable for Fee Lists and Fee Transfers

Following consultations with participating Offices, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.2, paragraph 8 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, a common timetable has been established for the year 2023, specifying the latest dates, each month, by which a participating Collecting Office shall establish and transmit fee transfer information to the International Bureau; and by which the lists of fees to be transferred, and the amounts of fees indicated in said lists, shall be established and transmitted to, and from, the International Bureau.

The common timetable established for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2023 is as follows:

Cycle	Calendar month (2023)	PCT Fee Transfer Service Month (Invoice Period)	Fee Transfer Service	Last date for documentation notification to IB (12h00 CET)	Receiving Office payment cut-off value date	PCT Fee Transfer Service Statement Reports	PCT Fee Transfer Service Settlement Date
1	January	Dec. 2022	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 19-Jan-2023	Friday 20-Jan-2023	Tuesday 24-Jan-2023	Friday 27-Jan-2023
2	February	Jan. 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Friday 17-Feb-2023	Monday 20-Feb-2023	Tuesday 21-Feb-20231	Friday 24-Feb-2023
3	March	Feb. 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Friday 17-Mar-2023	Monday 20-Mar-2023	Tuesday 21-Mar-2023	Friday 24-Mar-2023
4	April	Mar. 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 20-Apr-2023	Friday 21-Apr-2023	Monday 24-Apr-2023	Thursday 27-Apr-2023
5	May	Apr. 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Friday 19-May-2023	Monday 22-May-2023	Tuesday 23-May-2023	Friday 26-May-2023
6	June	May 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 22-Jun-2023	Friday 23-Jun-2023	Monday 26-Jun-2023	Thursday 29-Jun-2023
7	July	June 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 20-Jul-2023	Friday 21-Jul-2023	Tuesday 25-Jul-2023	Friday 28-Jul-2023
8	August	July 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Friday 18-Aug-2023	Monday 21-Aug-2023	Tuesday 22-Aug-2023	Friday 25-Aug-2023
9	September	Aug. 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 21-Sep-2023	Friday 22-Sep-2023	Monday 25-Sep-2023	Thursday 28-Sep-2023
10	October	Sept. 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 19-Oct-2023	Friday 20-Oct-2023	Tuesday 24-Oct-2023	Friday 27-Oct-2023
11	November	Oct. 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Friday 17-Nov-2023	Monday 20-Nov-2023	Tuesday 21-Nov-2023	Friday 24-Nov-2023
12	December	Nov. 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 14-Dec-2023	Friday 15-Dec-2023	Tuesday 19-Dec-2023	Friday 22-Dec-2023

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EA Eurasian Patent Organisation (EAPO)

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 February 2023, are EUR 144 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 641 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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 Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2023, are CHF 156, EUR 159 and USD 163, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(EG) 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 (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 February 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	HUF	556,500
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	HUF	6,300
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	HUF	83,700
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	HUF	125,500

[Updating of Annex C(HU) 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 February 2023, are EUR 136 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 641 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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IB International Bureau of WIPO

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **International Bureau**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 February 2021, pages 23 *et seq*.

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26. Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the International Bureau in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is 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 XML (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)

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EP European Patent Organisation

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 **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2023, is USD 1,875.

[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 **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2023, are USD 347 for international applications filed in Korean or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and USD 924 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)** 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 February 2023, are CHF 127 for searches carried out in Russian and CHF 600 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 also been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 February 2023, are CHF 177 and CHF 283 (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*]

US United States of America

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 **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2023, are NZD 3,400 for an entity other than a small or micro-entity, NZD 1,700 for a small entity, and NZD 850 for a micro-entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

WS Samoa

Information on the requirements of the **Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa)** as designated (or elected) Office is now available in the Summary of the National Chapter (WS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which is published at the end of the present issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES: NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents ("DAS"), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly. Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place, can 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) in a wide variety of media and formats.

Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, or Section 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, are published by the International Bureau at:
www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

MC Monaco

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Intellectual Property Division, Department of Economic Expansion (Monaco)** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as both a depositing and an accessing Office, with effect from 1 February 2023.[1]

[Updating of Annex B1(MC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[1] For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=12646

SUMMARY **Designated (or elected) Office** **SUMMARY**

WS MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND LABOUR (MCIL) (SAMOA) WS

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3): 31 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): 31 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into:[1]	English
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase:[1]	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, as amended only, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)[2]
Is a copy of the international application required?	No, a copy is required only if the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2).
National fee:	Currency: Samoan tala (SAT) For patent: Filing fee: SAT 500 For innovative patent: Filing fee: SAT 350
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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[1] Must be furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

[2] Where the applicant furnishes a translation of the international application only as amended or only as originally filed, the Office will invite the applicant to furnish the missing translation.

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WS MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND LABOUR (MCIL) (SAMOA) WS

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Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51*bis*):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application[3, 4] Nationality of the applicant if it has not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date[4] Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent[3, 4] Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to claim priority of the earlier application[3, 4] Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Samoa[5] Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney)[5]
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer registered in Samoa
Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49*ter*.2)?	Yes, the Office applies the "due care" criterion to such requests

[3] This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

[4] If not already complied with within the time limit applicable 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 the invitation. The Office will charge a fee in the amount of SAT 100 for compliance with that requirement in response to the invitation.

[5] If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

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MU Mauritius

On 15 December 2022, **Mauritius** deposited its instrument of accession to the *Patent Cooperation Treaty* (PCT), and will become bound by the PCT on **15 March 2023**. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 15 March 2023 will automatically include the designation of Mauritius (country code: MU).

Mauritius 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 15 March 2023.

Furthermore, as from 15 March 2023, nationals and residents of Mauritius will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning how to contact the Authority to obtain copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3) or international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2), or in case of problems with downloading documents cited in the aforementioned reports, as follows:

E-mail: isa.kipo@korea.kr

Facsimile: (82-42) 481 85 78

Contact information for the PCT Korea Center in the United States of America remains unchanged.

[Updating of Annexes D(KR) and E(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AT Austria

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 **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2023, is USD 1,875.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

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 February 2023, are CHF 135 for searches carried out in Russian and CHF 600 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

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 **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2023, is USD 1,875.

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

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 **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2023, is USD 1,875.

[Updating of Annex D(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 **new Israel shekels (ILS)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2023, is ILS 596.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

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 **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2023, is USD 1,875.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TR Türkiye

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 **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2023, is USD 1,875.

[Updating of Annex D(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

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 **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2023, is USD 1,875.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XV Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)

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 **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2023, is USD 1,875.

[Updating of Annex D(XV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, of the national filing fee, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable as from 1 January 2023, is ILS 2,183.[1]

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[1] 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.

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IE Ireland

The **Intellectual Property Office of Ireland** has notified the International Bureau of information of interest if Ireland is designated (or elected), with effect since 2 December 2019, as follows:

Applicants of an international application designating Ireland for a European patent may request the Controller, within 31 months from the priority date, that the international application be treated as an application for a patent in Ireland under Part II of the *Patents Act 1992* (refer to Section 127A of the *Copyright and Other Intellectual Property Law Provisions Act 2019*, effective from 2 December 2019, and Rule 87A of the *Patents (Amendment) Rules 2019*, S.I. 589/2019).

[Updating of Annex B1(IE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LS Lesotho

The **Registrar General's Office (Lesotho)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone numbers and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(266) 22 31 28 56 (266) 22 31 12 51
E-mail:	registrar.general@gov.ls

[Updating of Annex B1(LS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

QA Qatar

The **Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone number and e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(974) 4042 3278
E-mail:	malnoaimi@moci.gov.qa salobaidli@moci.gov.qa walmkhlef@moci.gov.qa

[Updating of Annex B1(QA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TM Turkmenistan

The **Patent Department, Ministry of Economy and Finance of Turkmenistan** has notified the international Bureau of changes to the name of the Office, as well as to its location, telephone and facsimile numbers, and Internet address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	State Service for Intellectual Property of the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan
Location:	Archabil Ave., 156 Ashgabat City Turkmenistan
Telephone:	(993-12) 39 46 86 (993-12) 39 46 84
Facsimile machine:	(993-12) 98 24 45
Internet:	http://fineconomic.gov.tm/ru

[Updating of Annex B1(TM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UA Ukraine

The **Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, Department for Intellectual Property** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Name of Office:	Ministry for Development of Economy, Trade and Agriculture of Ukraine, Department for Development of Intellectual Property

[Updating of Annex B1(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Due to the official closing of federal government offices, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Thursday, 24 December 2020, in addition to the previously planned closure on Friday, 25 December 2020.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on Monday, 28 December 2020.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closures, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2021, is ZAR 32,730.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2021, is ZAR 24,970.

[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 **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2021, is ZAR 32,730.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) 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 February 2021, are ZAR 33,650 for an entity other than a small or micro-entity, ZAR 16,830 for a small entity, and ZAR 8,410 for a micro-entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

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 (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 February 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	22,660
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	260
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	ZAR	3,410
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	ZAR	5,110

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WAIVERS OF SEPARATE POWER OF ATTORNEY OR COPY OF GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)

IT Italy

Pursuant PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it waives the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney, respectively, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 March 2021.

However, the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has also indicated particular instances in which a power of attorney is still required.

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 a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law authorized to practice in Italy (recorded in the pertinent official register or professional roll) or any law firm employing such a lawyer or attorney-at-law.

– if the agent is not a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law qualified to practice in another member State of the European Union, authorized to pursue certain professional activities in Italy on a temporary basis (refer to legislative Decree No. 206/2007).

– in case of reasonable doubt regarding the agent’s entitlement to act.

– in case of a common representative (separate power of attorney required).

[Updating of Annex C(IT) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

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 2021.

With effect from 1 March 2021, 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 (Israel new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,553
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,553
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,523
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,523
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13*ter*.1(c) and 13*ter*.2)	457
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1*ter* and 94.2), per document	[No change]

Part II. [No change]

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf

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EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau that its filing offices in Munich, The Hague, and Berlin were not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 4 to 8 January 2021 (inclusive).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expires on Monday, 11 January 2021. For further information, refer to the Notice from the President of the EPO dated 16 December 2020, available at:

https://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/president-notices/archive/20201216.html

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closures, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

PH Philippines

Due to inclement weather conditions, the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 11 to 13 November 2020 (inclusive).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on Monday, 16 November 2020.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closure, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

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BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2021, is BYN 71.05.

[Updating of Annex C(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 March 2021, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	3,553
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	3,553
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1(c)):	ILS	457

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office also notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and applicable from 1 March 2021, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	ILS	1,523
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	ILS	1,523
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.2):	ILS	457

[Updating of Annex E(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES: NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES

FR France

Certain information concerning the participation of the **National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France)** in the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents ("DAS"), as notified to the International Bureau and reproduced in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 22 October 2020 (page 220), was erroneous.

The said notification is hereby corrected and republished, as follows:

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions of the Digital Access for Priority Documents*, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France)** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office, with effect from 1 December 2020, for international applications filed on or after 1 October 2019, which the applicant has expressly requested to be made available through DAS.

[Updating of Annex B1(FR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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BR Brazil

In accordance with 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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2021, are USD 318 when filing online, and USD 476 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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 2021, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	BYN 71.05
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	BYN 60.90

[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 receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2021, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR 75.00
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 29.98

[Updating of Annex C(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

In accordance with 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 2021, are CHF 976, EUR 903 and USD 1,107, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

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 **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2021, are USD 115 for searches carried out in Russian, and USD 543 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

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 **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2021, are NZD 3,076 for an entity other than a small or micro-entity; NZD 1,538 for a small entity; and NZD 769 for a micro-entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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,[1, 2] in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2021, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:	BYN	71.05
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	30.45
Examination fee:	BYN	345.10
Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	203
Annual fee for the third year:	BYN	71.05

[1] For residents of Belarus, the payment of fees shall be effected in Belarusian roubles in accordance with the rate of the base value.

[2] 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.

For utility model:

Filing fee:	BYN	142.10
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	71.05

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GM Gambia

The **Registrar General's Department, Ministry of Justice (Gambia)** has notified the International Bureau that the amount of the national filing fee, in **Gambian dalasi (GMD)** and **US dollars (USD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, is GMD 5,000[3] or USD 400[3] (for applicants who are not residents of the Gambia).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (GM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

VN Viet Nam

The **Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam)** has notified the International Bureau of a temporary change concerning exemption, reduction or refund of the filing fee component of the national fee. For the period from 1 January to 30 June 2021, the amount of the national filing fee, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, is reduced by 50%.

For additional information, refer to Circular No 112/2020/TT-BTC dated December 29, 2020 of the Ministry of Finance.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (VN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[3] Includes examination, grant, and publication.

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States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)
GB United Kingdom

On 23 December 2020, the **Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** deposited a declaration in accordance with Article 62(3) of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).

With effect from 23 March 2021, the United Kingdom's ratification of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) shall be extended to the territory of the **Bailiwick of Guernsey**, for the international relations of which the United Kingdom is responsible.

For additional information, refer to PCT Notification No. 218, available on the WIPO website at:

https://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/notifications/pct/treaty_pct_218.html

[Updating of Annexes A and C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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GE Georgia

Due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, and taking into consideration the recommendations of the Interagency Coordination Council established at the Government of Georgia, the **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 3 January to 15 January 2021 (inclusive).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on Monday, 18 January 2021.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closure, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

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 **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2021, is USD 1,697.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

MG Madagascar

The **Industrial Property Office of Madagascar** has notified the International Bureau that the filing fee component of the national fee, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, includes grant and publication.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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GB United Kingdom

The **Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom)** 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 now act as such:

Any individual, partnership or body corporate who resides in or has a place of business in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or a Member State of the European Economic Area (EEA). A list of registered patent attorneys may be obtained from the following address: The Registrar, c/o The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys, 2nd Floor Halton House, 20-23 Holborn, London, EC1N 2JD.[1] For international applications filed on or after 1 January 2021, any agent appointed must have an address for service in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands or Gibraltar.

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

GB United Kingdom

The **Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* (Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27), which are now as follows:

– Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application;[2, 3]

– No representation by an agent is required, but an address for service in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands or Gibraltar is necessary (refer to *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Procedure in the National Phase, paragraph GB.04 (Address for Service) for additional information).[4]

[1] E-mail: mail@cipa.org.uk; Internet: www.cipa.org.uk; telephone: (44-20) 74 05 94 50; facsimile: (44-20) 74 30 04 71.

[2] Must be furnished within 33 months from the priority date. Where the applicant expressly requests early entry into the national phase, the name and address of the inventor must be furnished within 16 months from the priority date, or two months from the date on which the conditions for early entry are satisfied, whichever is the later (unless already furnished in the "Request").

[3] This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

[4] If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Furthermore, the Office notified 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:

> Any individual, partnership or body corporate who resides in or has a place of business in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or a Member State of the European Economic Area (EEA). A list of registered patent attorneys may be obtained from the following address: The Registrar, c/o The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys, 2nd Floor Halton House, 20-23 Holborn, London, EC1N 2JD.[5] For international applications that enter the national phase on or after 1 January 2021, any agent appointed must have an address for service in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands or Gibraltar.
>
> [Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WAIVERS OF SEPARATE POWER OF ATTORNEY OR COPY OF GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY 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[6] 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.

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 authorized 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 European Patent Attorneys in Germany* and the *Act on the Activities of European Lawyers in Germany*).

– In case of reasonable doubts regarding the agent's entitlement to act.

– In case of a common representative (separate power of attorney required).

[Updating of Annex C(DE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[5] E-mail: mail@cipa.org.uk; Internet: www.cipa.org.uk; telephone: (44-20) 74 05 94 50; facsimile: (44-20) 74 30 04 71.

[6] 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, paragraph 11.048).

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ID Indonesia

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its special requirement, under PCT Rule 51*bis* (Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27), concerning the translation of the international application: the Office continues to require that the translation of the international application be furnished in three copies; however, where the international application is filed electronically, only one copy of the translation in electronic form must be furnished.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (ID) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

VN Viet Nam

The **Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its special requirement, under PCT Rule 51*bis* (Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27), concerning the translation of the international application: the Office now requires that the translation of the international application be furnished in two copies, instead of three.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (VN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

IB International Bureau of WIPO

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 703(a), 710(b) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **International Bureau**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 07/2004 of 12 February 2004 (pages 3796 *et seq*.), as modified by the notifications published in PCT Gazette No. 43/2005 of 27 October 2005 (page 28466) and the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 8 May 2014 (pages 64 *et seq*.).

In particular, as from 1 July 2021, the International Bureau, in its capacity as receiving Office, will no longer accept the filing of international applications in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software.

Consequently, as from 1 July 2021, the International Bureau, in its capacity as receiving Office, is prepared to accept international applications in electronic form according to the following requirements:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

– XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)

– WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)

– PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2, and for documents submitted subsequent to the filing of the international application)

– TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

– online filing (see Annex F, section 5.1 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

– EPO online filing software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

– facsimile, text string or click-wrap signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)

– 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 International Bureau as receiving Office will contain the information required under Section 704(a)(i).

The International Bureau as receiving Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) will a notification, or confirmation, of receipt not be generated.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the International Bureau 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 available through WIPO's online Payment platform (https://www3.wipo.int/epayweb/en/main.xhtml).

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The PCT eServices Help Desk is available from 8.30 a.m. until 6.00 p.m. (Central European time) and can be contacted as follows:

– by e-mail at: pct.eservices@wipo.int

– by telephone at: (+41-22) 338 95 23

Every attempt will be made to respond to e-mail questions within one business day.

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

– international applications

– related documents to be submitted to the receiving Office after filing of the international application

However, priority documents may only be submitted in electronic form indirectly, using the WIPO Digital Access Service for priority documents, save for priority documents created in signed PDF format by the authority that received the earlier application, where the International Bureau has recognized the authority's format as one that can be accepted by ePCT.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The International Bureau as receiving 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 electronic systems when an international application is to be filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office, the applicant may use the ePCT Contingency Upload Service,[1] submit documents on physical media (CD-R or DVD-R), or use a different receiving Office. In addition, the International Bureau as receiving Office will use all means available to it, such as e-mail or notices on the WIPO website, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

[1] Available at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/contingencyupload.html

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 (https://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

– the International Bureau as receiving Office will also accept certificates issued by certification authorities which are accepted by other PCT receiving Offices and which have been notified accordingly to the International Bureau under Section 710, provided that such certificates are permitted, under the relevant certificate policy, to be used for filing with the International Bureau as receiving Office.

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

ePCT private services provide access to the files of international applications to the extent that they are available at the International Bureau.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF NOTIFICATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE OR OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

IB International Bureau of WIPO

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance Sections 703(a), 710(a), and 713(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions, the **International Bureau** notifies that, with effect from 1 July 2021, it is prepared to receive notifications, communications, correspondence or other documents relating to international applications in electronic form, according to the following requirements:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

– XML (for Article 19 amendments and data generated through ePCT "Actions"; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)

– PDF (for other files)

– TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

– online submission

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

– ePCT, using “Actions” or document upload

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

– facsimile or text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is available through WIPO’s online Payment platform (https://www3.wipo.int/epayweb/en/main.xhtml).

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The PCT eServices Help Desk is available from 8.30 a.m. until 6.00 p.m. (Central European time) and can be contacted as follows:

– by e-mail at: pct.eservices@wipo.int

– by telephone at: (+41-22) 338 95 23

Every attempt will be made to respond to e-mail questions within one business day.

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

– documents for the International Bureau related to international applications

However, priority documents may only be submitted in electronic form indirectly, using the WIPO Digital Access Service for priority documents, save for priority documents created in signed PDF format by the authority that received the earlier application, where the International Bureau has recognized the authority’s format as one that can be accepted by ePCT.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The International Bureau will accept the filing of documents in Office Open XML (docx) format together with Article 19 amendments.

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 electronic systems when a document is to be submitted, the applicant may use the ePCT Contingency Upload Service[2] or submit documents on physical media (CD-R or DVD-R). In addition, the International Bureau will use all means available to it, such as e-mail or notices on the WIPO website, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

ePCT private services provide access to the files of international applications to the extent that they are available at the International Bureau.

EXCUSE OF DELAY UNDER PCT RULE 82*quater*.2: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU UNDER PCT RULE 82*quater*.2(a)

EP European Patent Organisation

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 **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of the following period of unavailability of one of its permitted electronic means of communication:

– New online filing (CMS): 23 December 2020, from 08:20 CET (Central European Time) to 18:45 CET.

Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to the unavailability of the above-mentioned service during the indicated period may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82*quater*.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions, published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 November 2020, page 254.

Information concerning this unavailability has been published on the EPO website at:

https://www.epo.org/service-support/availability-of-online-services/2020.html

and on the WIPO website at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/unavailability.html

[2] Available at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/contingencyupload.html

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SD Sudan

The **Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department (Sudan)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: epct.info@ipsudan.gov.sd

[Updating of Annex B1(SD) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CU Cuba

The **Cuban Industrial Property Office** has notified the International Bureau that, since 1 January 2021, the currency for payment of fees to the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, is the **Cuban peso (CUP)**.

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of the transmittal fee and the fee for priority document, in **Cuban pesos (CUP)**, payable since 1 January 2021, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	CUP 2,400
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	CUP 2,400

[Updating of Annex C(CU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (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 April 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee	NOK	12,750
Fee per sheet in excess of 30	NOK	140
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format)	NOK	1,920
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format)	NOK	2,880

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

PE Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the number of paper copies of the international application required by it – one copy is now required, instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(PE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CU Cuba

The **Cuban Industrial Property Office**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau that, since 1 January 2021, the currency for payment of the national fee, and for exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, is the **Cuban peso (CUP)**.

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts, in **Cuban pesos (CUP)**, of the national fee and of the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, applicable since 1 January 2021, as follows:

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee (including publication fee and the annual fee for the 1st and the 2nd years):[1]	CUP 11,040

For utility model:

Filing fee (including publication fee and the annual fee for the 1st and the 2nd years):[1]	CUP 8,400

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	Fees are reduced by CUP 1,200 where applications are filed both on paper and in electronic form

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[1] The Office may also require payment of the third annual fee at the time of filing, depending on the date of entry into the national phase.

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TZ United Republic of Tanzania

The **Business Registrations and Licensing Agency, Ministry of Industry and Trade (United Republic of Tanzania)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its location, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Location:	New Ushirika Tower, 6th floor Lumumba Street Dar es Salaam United Republic of Tanzania
Telephone:	(255-22) 218 13 44 (255-22) 218 01 13 (255-22) 218 01 41 (255-22) 221 28 00
E-mail:	ceo@brela.go.tz maoni@brela.go.tz

[Updating of Annex B1(TZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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BG Bulgaria

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office — any patent 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 notified the International Bureau of a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office — any patent attorney or patent agent registered to practice before the Office may now act as such.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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SE Sweden

Agreement between the Swedish Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[1] – Amendment to Annex D

The **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex D, Part I, thereof. These amendments, which consist of changes to the fee amounts for copies of cited documents and documents contained in the file of the international application, entered into force on 9 November 2020.

The amended Annex D now reads as follows:

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	**Amount (Swedish kronor)**
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change][2]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change][2]
Supplementary search fee(s) (Rule 45*bis*.3(a))	[No change][2]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b),[3] 71.2(b),[3] 94.1*ter* and 94.2):	
– for less than 10 pages	none
– for 10 pages	50
– for each page in excess of 10	2

Part II. [No change]

1 Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_se.pdf

2 Swedish kronor equivalent of the euro amount of the search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) payable to the European Patent Office as International Searching Authority, as modified from time to time in accordance with the directives under Rule 16.1(d).

3 The applicant will receive free of charge a copy of each document containing non-patent literature. Other documents are available electronically, free of charge on the website: www.prv.se.

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FR France

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its telephone number for national calls. Its telephone numbers are now as follows:

Telephone:	01 56 65 89 98 (national calls)
	(+33) 1 71 08 71 63 (international calls)

[Updating of Annex B1(FR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LU Luxemburg

The **Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its facsimile number and an additional Internet address, as follows:

Facsimile machine:	(352) 247 94113
Internet:	www.eco.public.lu https://patent.public.lu/

[Updating of Annex B1(LU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau of an additional e-mail address, to which general enquiries should be addressed. Its e-mail addresses are now as follows:

E-mail:	ipos_enquiry@ipos.gov.sg (for general enquiries)
	pct@ipos.gov.sg (for enquiries on specific PCT applications filed with RO/SG, ISA/SG or IPEA/SG)

Furthermore, the Office notified changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) — with effect since 16 June 2020, the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of telecommunication.

[Updating of Annex B1(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees for copies of various documents, in **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority and applicable since 9 November 2020, as follows:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3(b)):[4]

for less than 10 pages		None
for 10 pages	SEK	50
for each page in excess of 10	SEK	2

Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1*ter*):

for less than 10 pages		None
for 10 pages	SEK	50
for each page in excess of 10	SEK	2

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

The Office also notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees for copies of various documents, in **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, payable to it in its capacity as Authority specified for international search, since 9 November 2020, as follows:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 45*bis*.7(c)):[5]

for less than 10 pages		None
for 10 pages	SEK	50
for each page in excess of 10	SEK	2

[4] All documents cited in the international search report are available free of charge from PRV's online service "Cited Documents" at: https://www.prv.se/en/patents/patent-online-services/

[5] All documents cited in the supplementary international search report are available free of charge from PRV's online service "Cited Documents" at: https://www.prv.se/en/patents/patent-online-services/

Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1*ter*):		
for less than 10 pages		None
for 10 pages	SEK	50
for each page in excess of 10	SEK	2

[Updating of Annex SISA(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Finally, the Office notified new amounts of fees for copies of various documents, in **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, since 9 November 2020, as follows:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2(b)):[6]		
for less than 10 pages		None
for 10 pages	SEK	50
for each page in excess of 10	SEK	2
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):		
for less than 10 pages		None
for 10 pages	SEK	50
for each page in excess of 10	SEK	2

[Updating of Annex E(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[6] All documents cited in the international preliminary examination report are available free of charge from PRV's online service "Cited Documents" at: https://www.prv.se/en/patents/patent-online-services/

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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 preliminary examination fee and the additional fee for international preliminary examination, will enter into force on 12 March 2021.

With effect from 12 March 2021, 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))	[No change][2]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change][2]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	589.48[2]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	589.48[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/pct/en/texts/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

NG Nigeria

The **Commercial Law Department (Trademarks, Patents and Designs) (Nigeria)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the name of the Office, as well as to its location and mailing address, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses, as follows:

Name of Office:	Patents and Designs Registry, Commercial Law Department (Nigeria)
Location and mailing address:	Registrar Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment Block D, Old Secretariat Area 1 Garki Abuja Nigeria
Telephone:	(234-8) 033 34 88 06 (234-8) 036 77 71 83 (234-7) 031 65 16 52
E-mail:	iponigeria@yahoo.com patentsanddesigns@gmail.com

Furthermore, the Office notified the International Bureau of changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) — the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of telecommunication.

[Updating of Annex B1(NG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WS Samoa

General information on **Samoa** as a PCT Contracting State is now available in Annex B1(WS), which is published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

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 **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2021, is NZD 2,942.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 12 March 2021, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee[3] (PCT Rule 58):	EUR	589.48
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):[3, 4]	EUR	589.48

[Updating of Annex E(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (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 May 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD	2,025
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD	23
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	NZD	305
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	NZD	457

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[3] The 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". Refer to: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/oepm_fee_reduction.html

[4] This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

WS Samoa

The **Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL)** has notified the International Bureau of the amounts of several fees, in **Samoan talas (SAT)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	SAT	200
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	SAT	100
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	SAT	200

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22. The consolidated list of required contents is now as follows:

– Under PCT Article 22: description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), any text matter of drawings.

– Under PCT Article 39(1): description, claims, any text matter of drawings (if any of those parts has been amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*(a)(i), concerning documents relating to the identity of the inventor.

With effect from 1 April 2021, 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:

– Name, country and place of residence of the inventor, if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application or in a declaration in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17(i).

– Address, nationality and residence of the applicant if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application.

– Appointment of an agent if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business within the territory of one of the Contracting States of the European Patent Convention.

– Furnishing of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form if it is not otherwise available to the EPO.

For details, refer to *Official Journal EPO, 2021 A3*, available online at:

https://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2021/01/a3.html

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

B1 Information on Contracting States B1

WS SAMOA WS

General information

Name of Office:	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa)
Location:	ACC House, Levels 3 & 4, Apia, Samoa
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 862, Apia, Samoa
Telephone: Facsimile machine: E-mail: Internet:	(685) 204 41 (685) 204 43 ipros@mcil.gov.ws mpal@mcil.gov.ws www.mcil.gov.ws
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
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
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Samoa:	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Samoa is designated (or elected):	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa)
May Samoa be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of a national patent)
Provisions of the law of Samoa concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Samoa is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Samoa is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable 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.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

KR Republic of Korea

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[1] – Amendment to Annex D

The **Korean Intellectual Property 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 will enter into force on 16 May 2021, consist of changes to amounts of the additional fees for international search and international preliminary examination, as well as the introduction of an additional fee in the case of missing parts, or correct elements or parts, included or considered to have been contained in the international application.

With effect from 16 May 2021, 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 (Korean won)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (in English language)	[No change]
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (in Korean language)	[No change]
Additional fee (Rules 40.2(a) and 40*bis*) (in English language)	1,200,000
Additional fee (Rules 40.2(a) and 40*bis*) (in Korean language)	450,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	450,000
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 (Rules 44.3(b), 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/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

MX Mexico

Due to the unavailability of its electronic systems, the **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Monday, 22 February 2021.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on Tuesday, 23 February 2021.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closure, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau of the deletion of one of its facsimile numbers and a change to one of its telephone numbers for application processing. Its facsimile and telephone numbers are now as follows:

Telephone:	(7-499) 240 60 15 (general) (7-499) 240 58 88 (application (7-499) 240 25 91 processing)
Facsimile machine:	(7-495) 531 63 18

In addition, the Office notified that it now sends notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications.

Furthermore, the Office notified additional delivery services, other than the postal authorities, from which it would accept evidence of mailing a document in case of loss or delay under PCT Rule 82.1: in addition to DHL and Federal Express, the Office now also accepts evidence of mailing a document from any other service that is recognized worldwide and is available in the Russian Federation.

Finally, the Office notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the provisions of the law of the Russian Federation concerning international-type search – Article 1386(4) of the *Civil Code of the Russian Federation* is no longer valid; consequently, there are now no provisions of the law of the Russian Federation concerning international-type search.

[Updating of Annex B1(RU) 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 **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 May 2021, is CHF 1,573.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts, in **Korean won (KRW)**, of the additional search fee (under PCT Rule 40.2(a)), as well as the introduction of an additional search fee (under PCT Rule 40*bis*) in the case of missing parts, or correct elements or parts, included or considered to have been contained in the international application. These fees, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority with effect from 16 May 2021, are as follows:

Additional search fee (PCT Rules 40.2(a) and 40*bis*):[2]		
for searches carried out in English	KRW	1,200,000
for searches carried out in Korean	KRW	450,000

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office also notified a new amount, in **Korean won (KRW)**, of the additional preliminary examination fee, payable to the Office its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority from 16 May 2021, as follows:

Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):[3]	KRW	450,000

[Updating of Annex E(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[2] This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

[3] This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

UZ Uzbekistan

The **Intellectual Property Agency under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Uzbek sum (UZS)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office since 1 February 2021, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	UZS	245,000[4]
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	UZS	245,000[4]

[Updating of Annex C(UZ) 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 BY RECEIVING OFFICES, INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES, AUTHORITIES SPECIFIED FOR SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH AND INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and in accordance with Sections 703, 710(b) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, 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 of the availability of the new web-based filing service of the EPO, Online Filing 2.0, as from 1 April 2021.

Consequently, as from 1 April 2021, the EPO, in its aforementioned capacities, is prepared to accept international applications, as well as other documents and correspondence relating to international applications, in electronic form, according to the following requirements:

FILING VIA EPO ONLINE FILING:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

– XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)

– WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)

– ASCII (7- and 8-bit) (see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

– PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

[4] Reductions may apply. For further details refer to the Office's website at: http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/

– TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

– online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
– CD-R filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d) and (e))
– DVD-R or DVD+R filing (see Annex F, section 5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

– WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1)
– WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

– EPO Online Filing software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

– facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 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 notification of receipt of any purported international application filed with the European Patent Office as receiving Office in electronic form 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 European Patent Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) or if the package submitted does not contain any files, will a notification or confirmation of receipt not 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 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 European Patent Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by mail (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The European Patent Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

– by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20 20

– by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

– international application

– subsequently filed documents

– PCT Chapter II demand

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The European Patent Office will accept the filing of documents in pre-conversion format under Section 706(a) and (f) of the Administrative Instructions. In particular, the files should be archived in ZIP format and contain either plain ASCII text or be created with one of the following word processing programs:

– Microsoft Word 97 and later releases

– Corel WordPerfect 6.1, 8 & 10 and later releases

– Writer of OpenOffice 2.0 and later releases (including the corresponding StarOffice products)

Any objects originating from other programs may be embedded into documents being generated by the word processing programs mentioned above as long as they can be viewed without loss of the information being contained in these objects.

Documents in a format other than those mentioned above may be attached in that format only if the applicant informs the European Patent Office at the time of filing where it can within reason acquire the relevant software.

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)):

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

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)):

– Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
– WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
– Väestörekisterikeskus (VRK) (www.vaestorekisterikeskus.fi) (FINEID smartcards)
– Fábrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre (FNMT) (www.cert.fnmt.es) (CERES certificates)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

– European Patent Register

FILING VIA THE EPO WEB-FORM FILING SERVICE:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

– PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

– facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The European Patent Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

– by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20 20
– by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

– international application

– subsequently filed documents (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

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)):

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

– European Patent Register

FILING VIA THE EPO CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

– WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)

– PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

– facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The notification of receipt of any purported international application filed with the European Patent Office as receiving Office in electronic form 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)).

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the European Patent Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by mail (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The European Patent Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

– by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20 20
– by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

– international application
– subsequently filed documents (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

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)):

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

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)):

– Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

– European Patent Register

FILING VIA ePCT-FILING:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

– XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
– DOCX containing JPEG converted into XML before submission
– WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
– PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
– TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

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 (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The notification of receipt of any purported international application filed with the European Patent Office as receiving Office in electronic form 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 European Patent Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) or if the package submitted does not contain any files, will a notification or confirmation of receipt not 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 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 European Patent Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by mail (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

– international application

– subsequently filed documents through ePCT Document upload (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The European Patent Office will accept the filing of documents in 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)):

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

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)):

– Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
– WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/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)):

– European Patent Register

FILING VIA ONLINE FILING 2.0 WITH INTEGRATED ePCT-FILING:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

– XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1);
– DOCX containing JPEG converted into XML before submission
– WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
– PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
– TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

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)):

– EPO Online Filing 2.0

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

– facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The notification of receipt of any purported international application filed with the European Patent Office as receiving Office in electronic form 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 European Patent Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) or if the package submitted does not contain any files, will a notification or confirmation of receipt not 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 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 European Patent Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by mail (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

EPO Online Filing 2.0-related end user support questions, including straightforward ePCT user assistance questions, will be managed and resolved directly by the European Patent Office help desk. The help desk will be available between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

– by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20 20
– by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

The WIPO PCT eServices team will provide second-level support.

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

– international application
– subsequently filed documents
– PCT Chapter II demand

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The European Patent Office will accept the filing of documents in 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)):

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

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)):

– Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

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AO Angola

The **Angolan Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its location and mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Largo 17 de Setembro Edifício Palácio de Vidro nº 7 4º Andar, Ala Esquerda Caixa Postal 3840 Luanda-Marginal Angola
Telephone:	(244-222) 04 49 91 (244-922) 40 49 36 (mobile)
E-mail:	iapi1992@iapi.gov.ao

In addition, the Office notified changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (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 B1(AO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UZ Uzbekistan

The **Intellectual Property Agency under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its location and mailing address, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	33, Khadra Street Tashkent 100017 Republic of Uzbekistan

[Updating of Annex B1(UZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)** 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 new amounts, applicable from 1 May 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD	1,860
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD	21
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	AUD	280
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	AUD	420
Handling fee:	AUD	280

[Updating of Annexes C(AU) and E(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

BG Bulgaria

In accordance with PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(a)(ii), the **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, which are now as follows:

Designated (or elected) Office	Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		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 Offices concerned
	the indications prescribed in Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
Bulgaria Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria	At the time of filing, either in the description or separately	At the time of filing, as part of the application	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism

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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] – Amendment 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 Annex D, Part I, thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 18 May 2021, 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 18 May 2021, 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 (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 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))	4,200
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: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/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]
– for an application in Russian	[No change]
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 or preliminary examination report) (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b))	
– patent document, per page	24
– non-patent document, per page	60
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1*ter* and 94.2), per page	96

Part II. [No change]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

US United States of America

Due to inclement weather conditions, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Thursday, 18 February 2021.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on Friday, 19 February 2021.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closure, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

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 2021, is EUR 1,429.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GB United Kingdom

New equivalent amounts in **pounds sterling (GBP)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 May 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee:	GBP	1,028
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	GBP	12
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	GBP	155
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	GBP	232

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 May 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK	184,200
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK	2,100
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	ISK	27,700
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	ISK	41,600

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees for copies of various documents, in **Russian roubles (RUB)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority and applicable from 18 May 2021, as follows:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3(b)):		
for a patent document, per page	RUB	24
for a non-patent document, per page	RUB	60
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1*ter*):	RUB	96

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

The Office also notified new amounts of the review fee and the fees for copies of various documents, in **Russian roubles (RUB)**, payable to it in its capacity as Authority specified for international search, from 18 May 2021, as follows:

Review fee (PCT Rule 45*bis*.6(c)):	RUB	4,200
Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 45*bis*.7(c)):		
for a patent document, per page	RUB	24
for a non-patent document, per page	RUB	60
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1*ter*):	RUB	96

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Finally, the Office notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees for copies of various documents, in **Russian roubles (RUB)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, also from 18 May 2021, as follows:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2(b)):		
for a patent document, per page	RUB	24
for a non-patent document, per page	RUB	60
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	RUB	96

[Updating of Annex E(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

WS Samoa

The **Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa)** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authorities, with effect since 23 March 2021, for international applications filed with the MCIL by nationals and residents of Samoa.

Additional information on the requirements of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa) as a receiving Office under the PCT is now available in Annex C(WS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which is published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

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WS MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND LABOUR (MCIL) (SAMOA) WS

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Samoa
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the "due care" criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office or Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office[1] or Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Samoan tala (SAT) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	SAT 200
International filing fee:[2]	USD 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:[2]	USD 16
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP) or (PH)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	SAT 100
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	SAT 200
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Samoa Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer registered in Samoa
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

[1] The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

[2] This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES FOR PCT PURPOSES: AGREEMENTS AND TIMETABLES

List of PCT Fee Transfers that are Part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service – Corrigendum

PT Portugal

The information published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 November 2020 (pages 255 *et seq.*), concerning PCT fee transfers that were part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service as of 20 November 2020, was incomplete.

As of 20 November 2020, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** was also participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.1 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as follows:

	PCT Fee Transfers				
	International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
PT National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: NOTIFICATION BY OFFICES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES

Since 1 July 2020, any PCT receiving Office ("RO"), International Searching Authority ("ISA"), Authority specified for supplementary international search ("SISA"), or International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") may participate, as a "participating Office", in the exchange of PCT fees from one Office (the "collecting Office") to another (the "beneficiary Office") via the International Bureau ("IB") for PCT purposes (the "WIPO Fee Transfer Service"), pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2 and in accordance with the provisions set out in Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

An Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service as a collecting Office may transfer the following fees and related differences, in accordance with Annex G of the Administrative Instructions:

- **international filing fee** (Rule 15.2(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of the International Bureau;
- **search fee** (Rule 16.1(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority;
- **supplementary search fee** (Rule 45*bis*.3(b)) collected by the International Bureau for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an Authority specified for supplementary search;
- **handling fee** (Rule 57.2(c) or (d)) collected by an International Preliminary Examining Authority for the benefit of the International Bureau; and
- **differences relating to the search fee** (Rule 16.1(e)) received by an Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority in a currency other than its fixed currency.[1]

Furthermore, pursuant to Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 3, the transfer of the above fees and differences from the collecting Office to the International Bureau, for the further transfer to the beneficiary Office, is considered to be the transfer of said fees in accordance with the applicable Rule, and is not considered to be a payment by the collecting Office to a third party.

[1] Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

Between 21 November 2020 and 31 March 2021 (inclusive),[2] the following Offices notified the International Bureau of their participation in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.1 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT:

	PCT Fee Transfers				
	International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
AZ Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
BY National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
PL Patent Office of the Republic of Poland	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

[2] A complete list of the PCT fee transfers that were part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service from 1 July 2020 to 20 November 2020 is available in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 November 2020 (pages 255 *et seq.*)

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KH Cambodia

The **Department of Industrial Property of Cambodia (DIPC)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the name of the Office and to its Internet address, as follows:

Name of Office:	Department of Industrial Property (DIP) Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation (MISTI)
Internet:	www.misti.gov.kh

[Updating of Annex B1(KH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CA Canada

New equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** 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 new amounts, applicable from 1 June 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CAD	1,782
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CAD	20
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	CAD	268
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	CAD	402
Handling fee:	CAD	268

[Updating of Annexes C(CA) and E(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, 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 **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, also applicable from 1 June 2021, is CHF 1,218.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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 June 2021, is CHF 301.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **pounds sterling (GBP)** and **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2021, are GBP 1,526 and ISK 268,000.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KH Cambodia

The **Department of Industrial Property (DIP), Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation (MISTI) (Cambodia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change in the currency for the payment of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), from **US dollars (USD)** to **Cambodian riels (KHR)**, with effect since 26 July 2020.

Furthermore, the Office notified a new amount of the transmittal fee in **Cambodian riels (KHR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 26 July 2020, is KHR 420,000.

[Updating of Annex C(KH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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 June 2021, are CHF 106 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 498 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 also been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by Rospatent. These amounts, also applicable from 1 June 2021, are CHF 147 and CHF 235 (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*]

SE Sweden

New equivalent amounts in **Swedish kronor (SEK)** 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 new amounts, applicable from 1 June 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SEK	12,280
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SEK	140
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	SEK	1,850
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	SEK	2,770
Handling fee:	SEK	1,850

[Updating of Annexes C(SE) and E(SE) 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 changes to its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail:	deptcomp@drcor.meci.gov.cy
Internet:	www.intellectualproperty.gov.cy

[Updating of Annex B1(CY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LR Liberia

The **Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bureau of Archives, Patents, Trade Marks and Copyright (Liberia)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the name of the Office, as well as to its location and mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers, and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Liberia Intellectual Property Office (LIPO)
Location and mailing address:	Old Labor Ministry Building, U.N. Drive Monrovia Liberia
Telephone:	(231) 775 53 35 95
Facsimile machine:	(231) 770 32 90 24
E-mail:	liberiaindustrialproperty@gmail.com

[Updating of Annex B1(LR) 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 **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2021, is NOK 17,880.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

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 **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2021, is KRW 714,000.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LR Liberia

The **Liberia Intellectual Property Office (LIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee, in **US dollars (USD)**, as well as changes in the amount and the currency, from **Liberian dollars (LRD)** to **US dollars (USD)**, of the fee for priority document.

These fees, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD	50	
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD	5	per page of the certified copy

[Updating of Annex C(LR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** and **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2021, are ISK 268,000 and NOK 17,880.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** and **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2021, are ISK 268,000 and NOK 17,880.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

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 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 June 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	20,630
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	230
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	ZAR	3,100
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	ZAR	4,650

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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LR Liberia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(i), the **Liberia Intellectual Property Office (LIPO)**, has notified the International Bureau that, in its capacity as receiving Office, it applies both the "unintentional" and the "due care" criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3.

Furthermore, the Office notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it, in its capacity as receiving Office. The following persons may now act as such:

– any attorney certified by the LIPO and registered by the Legal Bar Association;

– any IP agent certified by the LIPO.

[Updating of Annex C(LR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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IT Italy

In accordance with PCT Rule 94.1(c), the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as elected Office, has requested the International Bureau to furnish, on behalf of the Office, copies of the international preliminary examination report and related documents under PCT Rule 94.1(b).[1]

MX Mexico

In accordance with PCT Rule 94.1(c), the **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property**, in its capacity as elected Office, has requested the International Bureau to furnish, on behalf of the Office, copies of the international preliminary examination report and related documents under PCT Rule 94.1(b).[1]

[1] Information concerning which elected Offices have requested the International Bureau to furnish copies of the international preliminary examination reports on their behalf is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/access_iper.html

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IN India

Agreement between the Indian Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[1] – Amendment to Annex A

The **Indian Patent Office** 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 July 2021, consists of the addition of Japan to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex.

As from 1 July 2021, 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:

India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan.

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/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_in.pdf

JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[2] – Amendment to Annex A

The **Japan Patent Office (JPO)** 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 July 2021, consists of the addition of India to the States indicated in items (i) and (ii) of the Annex.

As from 1 July 2021, 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:

Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam.

For the United States of America, the Authority will act under Article 3(1) provided that (a) the international application is submitted in English; and (b) the Authority has not received more than 8,400 international applications from the United States Patent and Trademark Office during the five-year period from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2023, and not more than 300 applications per quarter during the first and second years, and not more than 500 applications per quarter during the third, fourth, and fifth years. Where the Authority has prepared the international search report, the Authority will also act under Article 3(2) if these conditions are met.

Where a receiving Office specifies the Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and the Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

[2] Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf

(ii) the following languages which it will accept:

(a) [No change]

(b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam:

English;

(c) [No change]

(d) for international applications filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office acting for Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam:

Japanese, English.

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MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the fee for priority document, payable in **Mexican pesos (MXN)** to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These new amounts, applicable since 5 February 2021, are as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	MXN 11.46 per page	(black and white)
	MXN 14.60 per page	(color)

[Updating of Annex C(MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

DM Dominica
IB International Bureau of WIPO

Pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), the **Intellectual Property Office (Dominica)** has notified the International Bureau that, with effect since 15 April 2021, it has ceased acting as a receiving Office and has delegated these functions to the International Bureau of WIPO.

IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has specified the Japan Patent Office (JPO)—in addition to the Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), European Patent Office (EPO), Indian Patent Office, Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV), and United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)—as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the Indian Patent Office by nationals and residents of India, with effect from 1 July 2021.

[Updating of Annex C(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office (JPO)** has specified the Indian Patent Office—in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO),[3] the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore,[3] and the Japan Patent Office (JPO)—as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the Japan Patent Office (JPO) by nationals and residents of Japan, with effect from 1 July 2021.

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AO Angola

Information on the requirements of the **Angolan Institute of Industrial Property** as designated (or elected) Office under the PCT is now available in the Summary of the National Chapter (AO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which is published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 29 January 2015, pages 19 *et seq*.

[3] The Office is competent only if the international application is filed in English (PCT Rule 12.3 does not apply).

In particular, as from 1 July 2021, the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, will no longer accept the filing of international applications in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software.

Consequently, as of 1 July 2021, the item concerning electronic filing software specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) will be replaced by the following:

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

– ePCT-Filing

[Updating of Annex C(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

HU Hungary

The **Government of the Republic of Hungary** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name and details of the National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCAIM), an international depositary authority 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 name of the University including the National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCAIM) has changed from Szent István University to Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Consequently, since 1 February 2021, the name and details of the authority are as follows:

National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCAIM)
Institute of Food Science and Technology
Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Somlói út 14-16
1118 Budapest
Hungary

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SUMMARY **Designated (or elected) Office** **SUMMARY**

AO ANGOLAN INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY AO

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3): 31 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): 31 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into:[1]	Portuguese
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase:[1]	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, as amended only), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee: [2]	Currency: Kwanza (AOA) For patent: Filing fee and publication fee up to 15 claims: AOA 27,722 plus for each claim over 15: AOA 792 For utility model: Filing fee and publication fee up to 15 claims: AOA 13,464 plus for each claim over 15: AOA 792
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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[1] Must be furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

[2] Must be paid within 21 days from the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

SUMMARY **Designated (or elected) Office** **SUMMARY**

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Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51*bis*):	Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Angola[3] An instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney) is required[3] Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application[4, 5] Statement or notice as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent[4, 5] Two copies of translation of international application should be furnished Document evidencing a change of name or person of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306)[5] Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer authorized to represent applicants before the national office in Angola
Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49*ter*.2)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests

[3] If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

[4] This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

[5] If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within two months from the date of the invitation.

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PH Philippines

Due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau that it was closed to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 29 March to 30 April 2021 (inclusive).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on 3 May 2021, or on the next subsequent day on which the Office reopens to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to closures relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively, and to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 April 2020 (page 68).

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

For further information on measures adopted by the Office in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to the WIPO COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker, available at:

https://www.wipo.int/covid19-policy-tracker/

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KW Kuwait

The **Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Trademarks and Patent Department (Kuwait)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone number and e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(965) 66 62 36 63
E-mail:	mansouralnzhan@gmail.com patent.department@moci.gov.kw eng_rashid7755@hotmail.com

Furthermore, the Office notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the original of a document must now be furnished within 90 days from the date of the invitation, instead of 14 days.

[Updating of Annex B1(KW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

In accordance with 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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2021, are USD 302 when filing online and USD 453 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2021, are JPY 14,400, or JPY 3,600 in the case of filing by an individual.

[Updating of Annex D(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

DM Dominica

The **Intellectual Property Office (Dominica)** has specified the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and the European Patent Office (EPO) as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with the International Bureau by nationals and residents of Dominica, with effect since 26 April 2021.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the filing of paper documents with the Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office – since 1 April 2021, documents for entry into the national phase filed on paper are received only by mail. For additional information, refer to the Official Ordinance of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), No. 22/21 of 29 March 2021.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities, pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b) and in accordance with the procedures set out in the Administrative Instructions under the PCT (Annex F, section 2.5), modifications to the Administrative Instructions, Annex F, Appendix I (XML DTDs for the e-PCT Standard), sections 3 and 5, were promulgated,[1] with effect from 1 July 2021.

These modifications are to Document Type Definitions (DTDs), to allow:

– the possibility of multiple top-up searches (section 5.14, Written opinion components);

– the inclusion of earlier search letters for “PCT Direct” (section 3.1, Package data DTD);

– the author to break the statement into sections (sections 5.7, IB publication, and 5.8, Filing of amendments and statements under Articles 19 and 34.2(b));

– the attachment of standard ST.26 sequence listing files (sections 3.1 Package data, and 5.7, IB publication); and

– the inclusion of additional information regarding the citation and passage (sections 3.3, Application body; 3.9, Table; 5.6, IB bibliographic data; 5.7, IB publication; 5.8, Filing of amendments and statements under Articles 19 and 34.2(b); 5.9, Search report; 5.10, International Preliminary Report on Patentability; and 5.14, Written opinion components).

Due to its highly technical content, the consolidated revised text of Annex F, Appendix I of the Administrative Instructions is not reproduced here, but has been published as document PCT/AI/DTD/15 on the WIPO website at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_dtd_15.pdf

[1] Refer to Circular C. PCT 1621 of 26 April 2021.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone numbers and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(55-21) 3037 37 42 (55-21) 3037 42 44
Internet:	https://www.gov.br/inpi/pt-br faleconosco.inpi.gov.br/faleconosco/

[Updating of Annex B1(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount, in **South African rand (ZAR)**, has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2021, is ZAR 30,610.

[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 **South African rand (ZAR)**, has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2021, is ZAR 30,610.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) 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 July 2021, are ZAR 31,120 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 15,560 for a small entity, and ZAR 7,780 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

KW Kuwait

The **Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Trademarks and Patent Department (Kuwait)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **Kuwaiti dinars (KWD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable since 21 July 2019, are as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee:	KWD	40	filing by an individual
	KWD	80	filing by a company

In addition, the Office notified the conditions for reduction of the filing fee component of the national fee – with effect since 21 July 2019, the filing fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a student.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (KW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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PH Philippines

Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 1142 S. 2021, the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Thursday, 13 May 2021, in addition to the previously planned closure on Friday, 14 May 2021.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on Monday, 17 May 2021.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closure, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AG Antigua and Barbuda

The **Antigua and Barbuda Intellectual Property and Commerce Office (ABIPCO)** has notified the International Bureau of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority, in **East Caribbean dollars (XCD)**. The amount of this fee, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office under PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(d), is XCD 800.

AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES: NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly.

Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and 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) in a wide variety of media and formats.

Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, or Section 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, are published by the International Bureau at:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

LV Latvia

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Latvian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as both an accessing office and a depositing Office, with effect from 1 July 2021.[1]

[Updating of Annex B1(LV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[1] For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11775

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TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has notified the International Bureau that it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on the following days:

– Friday 12 February 2021;

– Monday 12 April 2021; and

– Monday 10 May 2021.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on the next subsequent day on which the Office reopened to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closures, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Indian rupees (INR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, as well as a change in the categories of applicants to which the amounts of these fees are applicable.

With effect since 4 November 2020, the applicant category “Small entity, alone or with natural person(s) and/or start-up” is no longer available. Consequently, since this date, the consolidated list of applicant categories established by the Office, and corresponding fee amounts payable under each category, is as follows:

	Natural person(s) or start-up(s) or small entity(ies)	*Other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or start-up(s) or small entity(ies)*
Transmittal fee:		
– electronic filing:	None	None
– paper filing:	INR 3,500	INR 17,600

Fee for priority document:[1]

– online transmission:

up to 30 pages:	INR	1,000	INR	5,000
from 31st page, per page:	INR	30	INR	150

– paper transmission:

up to 30 pages:	INR	1,100	INR	5,500
from 31st page, per page:	INR	30	INR	150

[Updating of Annex C(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AO Angola

On 14 May 2021, the **Angolan Institute of Industrial Property** notified the International Bureau of a correction concerning the time limits applicable for entry into the national phase, as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 29 April 2021, page 91.

The correct time limit applicable for entry into the national phase, under PCT Articles 22(1) and 39(1)(a), is 30 months from the priority date.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national filing fee, in **Indian rupees (INR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, as well as a change to the categories of applicants to which the amounts of these components are applicable.

With effect since 4 November 2020, the applicant category "Small entity, alone or with natural person(s) and/or start-up" is no longer available. Consequently, since this date, the consolidated list of applicant categories established by the Office, and corresponding amounts of the components of the filing fee payable under each category, is as follows:

[1] The Indian Patent Office is a Participating Office in the WIPO Digital Access Service (DAS) (refer to *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1(IN)). No fee is required by the Office where, as a depositing Office, it has made a certified copy of the priority document available through DAS.

	Natural person(s) or start-up(s) or small entity(ies)		*Other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or start-up(s) or small entity(ies)*	
Filing fee:[2]				
– Up to 30 sheets and 10 claims:				
– electronic filing:	INR	1,600	INR	8,000
– paper filing:	INR	1,750	INR	8,800
– For each additional priority claim, multiple of:				
– electronic filing:	INR	1,600	INR	8,000
– paper filing:	INR	1,750	INR	8,800
– For each additional sheet in addition to 30:				
– electronic filing:	INR	160	INR	800
– paper filing:	INR	180	INR	880
– For each additional claim in addition to 10:				
– electronic filing:	INR	320	INR	1,600
– paper filing:	INR	350	INR	1,750
– For each page of sequence listing of nucleotides and/or amino acid sequences under *The Patent Rules, 2003* Rule 9(3):				
– electronic filing:	INR	160[3]	INR	800[4]
– paper filing:	Not allowed		Not allowed	

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[2] Must be furnished or 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.

[3] Subject to a maximum of INR 24,000.

[4] Subject to a maximum of INR 120,000.

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and in accordance with Sections 703, 710(b) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, 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 of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 18 March 2021, pages 51 *et seq.*

In particular, as from 1 January 2022, the EPO will no longer accept international applications and other documents and correspondence relating to international applications filed using EPO New Online Filing (CMS) (formerly EPO Case Management System).

From 1 January 2022, the means available for filing international applications and other documents and correspondence relating to international applications in electronic form with the EPO will be: EPO Online Filing, EPO Web-Form Filing, ePCT-Filing, and EPO Online Filing 2.0.

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CA Canada

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 **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2021, is USD 1,353.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

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 **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2021, is JPY 236,100.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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 August 2021, are EUR 526 for searches carried out in Japanese and EUR 1,173 for searches carried out in English.

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CL Chile

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** has notified the International Bureau of the deletion of one of its telephone numbers. The remaining available telephone number is as follows:

Telephone:	(56-2) 28 87 05 51

[Updating of Annex B1(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GR Greece

The **Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(30-210) 618 36 67 (30-210) 618 35 08

In addition, the Office notified that it now sends notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications.

[Updating of Annex B1(GR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)** has notified the International Bureau that, since 1 January 2021, the Office has discontinued the use of facsimile services.

[Updating of Annex B1(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MT Malta

The **Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Department, Ministry for the Economy, Investment and Small Businesses (Malta)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to the name of the Office, as follows:

Name of Office:	Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Department, Ministry for the Economy and Industry (Malta)

Furthermore, the Office notified that it has discontinued the use of facsimile services.

[Updating of Annex B1(MT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

GR Greece

The **Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the number of paper copies of the international application required by it – one copy is now required, instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(GR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the number of paper copies of the international application required by it – one copy is now required, instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(966-11) 280 59 76 (966-11) 280 12 21

[Updating of Annex B1(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

In observance of the Juneteenth National Independence Day, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Friday 18 June 2021.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on Monday 21 June 2021.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

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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 August 2021, is USD 328.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

ME Montenegro

International applications may be filed and processed in electronic form or by electronic means in accordance with Part 7 (legal framework) and Annex F (technical standard) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **Ministry of Economy, Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to 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 August 2021, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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: (382) 20 234 591

– by e-mail at: mladen.koprivica@mek.gov.me

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 (www.ziscg.me).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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(ME) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CZ Czechia

The **Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its Internet address, which is now as follows:

Internet: www.upv.gov.cz

[Updating of Annex B1(CZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) — the Office no longer accepts the filing of documents by facsimile machine; however, since 1 January 2021, all types of documents may be transmitted to the Office by e-mail and the original of the document is no longer required.

[Updating of Annex B1(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CL Chile

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** has notified the International Bureau that, as a depositing Office participating in the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS), no fee for a priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) is required by the Office where it has made a certified copy of the priority document available through DAS.

[Updating of Annex C(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property 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. With effect since 28 June 2021, the following persons may act as such:

An individual who holds a patent agent licence or a patent agent-in-training licence issued by the College of Patent Agents and Trademark Agents. An applicant may appoint all of the patent agents who work at the same firm to represent them in respect of their application.

[Updating of Annex C(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** 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 since 28 June 2021, the consolidated list of special requirements of the Office, under PCT Rule 51*bis* (Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27), is as follows:

- The name and postal address of each inventor.
- A statement that either (i) the applicant(s) is (are) entitled to apply for a patent, or (ii) the applicant is the sole inventor or, if there are joint applicants, the applicants are all inventors and the sole inventors.
- If the Commissioner reasonably doubts that the person who entered the national phase is the applicant of the international application or his/her legal representative, the Commissioner will require evidence to establish ownership rights in the international application. An applicant may provide documentation with the request to enter the national phase establishing how the person who entered the national phase is the applicant of the international application or the legal representative. Such documentation may include: Form PCT/IB/306, a document effecting the transfer of rights, or a change of name document.
- Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not the inventor.
- Evidence of the consent of the appointment of the patent agent is required when the document appointing that agent is submitted by someone other than the patent agent being appointed.

Furthermore, the Office notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. With effect since 28 June 2021, the following persons may act as such:

An individual who holds a patent agent license or a patent agent-in-training license issued by the College of Patent Agents and Trademark Agents. An applicant may appoint all of the patent agents who work at the same firm to represent them in respect of their application.

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IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its Internet address, which is now as follows:

Internet:	https://www.gov.il/en/departments/ilpo

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UA Ukraine

The **Ministry for Development of Economy, Trade and Agriculture of Ukraine, Department for Development of Intellectual Property** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Name of Office:	National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise "Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)"

[Updating of Annex B1(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2021, is ZAR 23,560.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

In accordance with 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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2021, are CHF 306 and USD 330 when filing online, and CHF 458 and USD 495 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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 (in English) by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2021, is SGD 1,906.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning the amounts of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)), in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office.

Since 1 June 2021, the amounts of this fee are USD 534 or USD 276 (in the case of filing by an individual).

[Updating of Annex C(SA) 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 September 2021, is JPY 183,400.

[Updating of Annex D(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: CEASING OF DEVELOPMENT, DISTRIBUTION AND SUPPORT FOR THE PCT-SAFE SOFTWARE BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

IB International Bureau of WIPO

As of 30 June 2022, the International Bureau will end its development, distribution and support of the PCT-SAFE software; the final scheduled release will be in April 2022, and no further updates to the software will be provided after that date.

Although the International Bureau specifically recommends against doing so, from 1 July 2022, PCT applicants may continue to prepare and file PCT applications using existing versions of the PCT-SAFE software at receiving Offices which continue to accept them.

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: NOTIFICATION BY OFFICES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES

Since 1 July 2020, any PCT receiving Office ("RO"), International Searching Authority ("ISA"), Authority specified for supplementary international search ("SISA"), or International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") may participate, as a "participating Office", in the exchange of PCT fees from one Office (the "collecting Office") to another (the "beneficiary Office") via the International Bureau ("IB") for PCT purposes (the "WIPO Fee Transfer Service"), pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2 and in accordance with the provisions set out in Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

An Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service as a collecting Office may transfer the following fees and related differences, in accordance with Annex G of the Administrative Instructions:

- **international filing fee** (Rule 15.2(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of the International Bureau;
- **search fee** (Rule 16.1(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority;
- **supplementary search fee** (Rule 45*bis*.3(b)) collected by the International Bureau for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an Authority specified for supplementary search;
- **handling fee** (Rule 57.2(c) or (d)) collected by an International Preliminary Examining Authority for the benefit of the International Bureau; and
- **differences relating to the search fee** (Rule 16.1(e)) received by an Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority in a currency other than its fixed currency.[1]

Furthermore, pursuant to Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 3, the transfer of the above fees and differences from the collecting Office to the International Bureau, for the further transfer to the beneficiary Office, is considered to be the transfer of said fees in accordance with the applicable Rule, and is not considered to be a payment by the collecting Office to a third party.

Between 1 April 2021 and 30 June 2021 (inclusive),[2] the following Offices notified the International Bureau of their participation, or of a change in the scope of their participation, in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.1 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT:

[1] Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

[2] Complete lists of the PCT fee transfers that were part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service from 1 July 2020 to 20 November 2020 and from 21 November 2020 to 31 March 2021 are available in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 November 2020 (pages 256 *et seq.*) and 8 April 2021 (pages 74 *et seq.*), respectively.

	PCT Fee Transfers				
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Participating Office[3] (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, SE	n/a	n/a	n/a
CU Cuban Industrial Property Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, BR, EP, ES, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
EG Egyptian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, US as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/OM, QA, SA	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives EGP transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/EG*

[3] Rows relating to participating Offices having an agreement with the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) are identified by light grey shading.

PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	**International Filing Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
IN Indian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, EP, SE, US as Beneficiary ISA:[4] *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/JP	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA:[4] *receives INR transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/IN*
JP Japan Patent Office (JPO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, IN,[4] SG as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/KR, MY, PH, SG, US, VN	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives JPY transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/JP*
KZ National Institute Of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
RO State Office For Inventions And Trademarks (Romania)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a

[4] With effect since 1 July 2021.

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BR Brazil

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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2021, are EUR 285 when filing online and EUR 428 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the transmittal fee, in **Colombian pesos (COP)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These new amounts, applicable since 1 July 2021, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):

– electronic filing: COP 419,640

– paper filing: COP 503,470

[Updating of Annex C(CO) 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 several components of the national fee,[1] in **Colombian pesos (COP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable since 1 July 2021, are as follows:

For a patent:	Online	On paper
Filing fee:	COP 84,840	COP 105,160
Annual fee:		
– for the 1st to the 4th year, per year:	COP 279,420 (415,580)[2]	COP 335,820 (498,390)[2]
For a utility model:		
– Filing fee:	COP 75,190	COP 92,460

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CO), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[1] Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable fee amount.

[2] The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of late payment within a grace period of six months from the due date.

TR Turkey

The **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the time limit in which a translation of the international application must be furnished to the Office: the translation must be furnished within two months from the date of entry into the national phase.

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of several components of the national fee,[3] in **Turkish lira (TRY)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable since 1 January 2021, are as follows:

For patent or utility model:

Filing fee:	TRY	2,015
Fee for certificate of grant:	TRY	400
Renewal fee for third year:	TRY	400
Reinstatement of rights:	TRY	2,610

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[3] Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). However, the national fee may still be paid within three months from the date of entry into the national phase, provided that an additional fee is paid with the national fee within that period.

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CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its mailing address, which is now as follows:

Mailing address:

The Commissioner of Patents
Canadian Intellectual Property Office
Place du Portage I, 50 Victoria Street
Room C-114
Gatineau, Quebec
K1A 0C9 (Courier J8X 3X1)
Canada

[Updating of Annex B1(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WS Samoa

The **Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa)** has notified the International Bureau of the types of protection available via the PCT, where Samoa is designated (or elected): protection by patent and innovation patent is available; protection by utility model is not available.

[Updating of Annex B1(WS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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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 September 2021, are EUR 98 for searches carried out in Russian and EUR 459 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau that it was closed to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Tuesday 20 July 2021, in observance of *Eid'l Adha* (Feast of Sacrifice).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on Wednesday 21 July 2021, or on the next subsequent day on which the Office reopened to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

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ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notifications published in PCT Gazette No. 03/2004, pages 1732 *et seq*., and in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 October 2010, page 175.

In particular, as from 1 November 2021, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, will no longer accept the filing of international applications in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software.

Consequently, as of 1 November 2021, the item concerning electronic filing software, as specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette), will be replaced by the following:

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

– EPO online filing software

[Updating of Annex C(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EP European Patent Organisation

Under amended PCT Rule 94.1(c), which entered into force on 1 July 2020, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as elected Office, has requested the International Bureau to furnish, on behalf of that Office, copies of any document transmitted to it under Rule 71.1(a) or (b) by the International Preliminary Examining Authority, in accordance with the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

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AM Armenia

The **Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Armenia** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the name of the Office, as well as to its location and mailing address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Armenia
Location and mailing address:	Republic Square, Government House 3 Yerevan 0010 Armenia

In addition, the Office notified a change to the provisions of the national law of Armenia concerning restrictions applicable to the filing of international applications with the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO: the applicable provisions are available under the *Law on Patents*, Article 58.

Furthermore, the Office notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the types of protection available via the PCT, where Armenia is designated or elected: since 1 July 2021, protection by patent and short-term patent is available, and protection by utility model is no longer available.

[Updating of Annex B1(AM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

AM Armenia

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Armenia**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that, since 1 July 2021, the Office accepts Russian[1], in addition to English, as a language in which international applications and requests, may be filed (PCT Rule 12.1(a) and (c)).

[Updating of Annex C(AM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[1] If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority, the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

VN Viet Nam

The **Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam)** has notified the International Bureau of changes 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 Viet Nam or has a real and effective industrial or commercial establishment in Viet Nam;
- an agent is required if the applicant is a non-resident or, where there are two or more applicants, the first named applicant on the request form (PCT/RO/101) does not reside in Viet Nam.

[Updating of Annex C(VN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AM Armenia

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Armenia** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the claim fee component of the national filing fee, payable to it in its capacity as designed (or elected) Office: since 1 July 2021, an additional fee is payable for each claim in excess of five, instead of for each independent claim in excess of one.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EE Estonia

On 2 August 2021, the **Estonian Patent Office** notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the claim fee component of the national filing fee, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

For a patent:

Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	EUR	13

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF THE RIGHT OF PRIORITY: NOTIFICATIONS UNDER PCT RULES 26*BIS*.3(I) AND 49*TER*.2(G)

AM Armenia

Under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g), the **Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Armenia**, in its capacities both as receiving Office and designated Office, has informed the International Bureau that, since 1 July 2021, it applies the "unintentional" criterion instead of the "due care" criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

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KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its location and mailing address, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Mangilik Yel Avenue 57A
010000 Nur-Sultan
Kazakhstan

In addition, the Office notified that it now sends notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications.

[Updating of Annex B1(KZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Kazakh tenge (KZT)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is KZT 1,100 in case of filing by a natural person.

[Updating of Annex C(KZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

GT Guatemala
IB International Bureau

Pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), the **Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala)** has notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 September 2021, it will cease to act as a receiving Office and delegate its functions as receiving Office to the International Bureau.

[Updating of Annexes B(GT) and C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified changes to components of the national fee, in **Kazakh tenge (KZT)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee:	KZT	20,320.16
Examination fee:	KZT	66,959.20
Annual fee for the first three years of maintenance, per year:	KZT	20,320.16

For a utility model:

Filing fee:	KZT	16,450.56
Annual fee for the first three years of maintenance, per year:	KZT	16,450.56

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (KZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guid*e]

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GT Guatemala

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala)** has notified the International Bureau of the discontinuation of its facsimile numbers, as well as of a change to its location and mailing address and the addition of a new telephone number extension, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	7a. Avenida 7-61, zona 4, primer nivel Guatemala Ciudad 01004 Guatemala
Telephone:	(502) 232 470 70 ext. 105 and 109

[Updating of Annex B1(GT) 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 **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 November 2021, is CHF 1,449.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

The **Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** has notified the International Bureau of additional information regarding the location and mailing address of its Sarajevo branch office, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Sarajevo: Bulevar Meše Selimovića 95
Lamela C, 3 sprat
71000 Sarajevo
Bosnia and Herzegovina

[Updating of Annex B1(BA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DO Dominican Republic

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail: i.ramirez@onapi.gob.do
r.nunez@onapi.gob.do
l.castillo@onapi.gob.do

[Updating of Annex B1(DO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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PH Philippines

Due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** notified the International Bureau that it was closed to the public, for the purposes of the transaction of official business, from 6 to 20 August 2021 (inclusive).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on 23 August 2021.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to closures relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively, and to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 April 2020 (page 68).

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

For further information on measures adopted by the Office in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to the *WIPO COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker*, available at:

https://www.wipo.int/covid19-policy-tracker/

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)** 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 new amounts, applicable from 1 November 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD	2,019
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD	23
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	AUD	304
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	AUD	455
Handling fee:	AUD	304

[Updating of Annexes C(AU) and E(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Serbian dinars (RSD)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. These new amounts, applicable since 1 July 2021, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):[1]	RSD	8,210

[1] This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):[2]		RSD	1,970	for the first document up to 10 pages
	plus	RSD	490	for each subsequent document up to 10 pages
	plus	[No change]		per page in excess of 10
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):[2]			RSD 3,300	

[Updating of Annex C(RS) the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of various components of its national fee, in **Serbian dinars (RSD)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable since 1 July 2021, are as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:[2]	RSD 8,210
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:[2]	RSD 800
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee
Examination fee:[2]	RSD 8,210
Annual fee for the first three years:[2]	RSD 11,510

For petty patent:

Filing fee:[2]	RSD 8,210
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee

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[2] This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

In accordance with PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(a)(ii), the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau of changes to its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, which are now as follows:

Designated (or elected) Office	**Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:**		**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 Offices concerned**
	the indications prescribed in Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii)	**any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column**	
Eurasian Patent Organization Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)	Where applicant requests publication earlier than 16 months from the priority date, not later than that request	At the time of filing (must be in the description)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism

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KG Kyrgyzstan

The **State Service of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the Office and of an additional telephone number, as follows:

Name of Office:	State Agency of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic
Telephone:	(996-312) 68 08 19 (996-312) 68 10 71

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BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

On 1 September 2021, the **Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Bosnia and Herzegovina convertible marks (BAM)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. The amount of this fee is now BAM 40.

[Updating of Annex C(BA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

A new equivalent amount in **New Israeli shekels (ILS)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 November 2021, is ILS 704.

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DO Dominican Republic

On 25 August 2021, the **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** notified the International Bureau of changes to the filing fee components of the national fee payable, in **Dominican pesos (DOP)**, to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. The filing fee is now as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:

– Up to 30 sheets	DOP	11,500
– For each additional sheet	DOP	75

For utility model:

Filing fee:

– Up to 30 sheets	DOP	8,050
– For each additional sheet	DOP	75

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ME Montenegro

The **Ministry of Economy, Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Name of Office:	Ministry of Economic Development Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro)

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DJ Djibouti

The **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: dj.epct@odpic.dj

[Updating of Annex B1(DJ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its location and Internet address, which are now as follows:

Location: Al. Niepodleglości 188/192
PL-00-950 Warszawa
Poland

Internet: https://www.uprp.gov.pl

[Updating of Annex B1(PL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

DO Dominican Republic

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*, concerning the furnishing, where applicable, of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings: the Office now requires the furnishing of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing on paper and in electronic form.

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CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau that it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Thursday 30 September 2021.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on Friday 1 October 2021.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: plpctteam@uprp.gov.pl

[Updating of Annex B1(PL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

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 **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2021, are NZD 538 for searches carried out in Korean and NZD 1,435 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

TN Tunisia

Information on the requirements of the **National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia)** as designated (or elected) Office under the PCT is now available in the Summary of the National Chapter (TN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which is published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: NOTIFICATION BY OFFICES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES

Since 1 July 2020, any PCT receiving Office ("RO"), International Searching Authority ("ISA"), Authority specified for supplementary international search ("SISA"), or International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") may participate, as a "participating Office", in the exchange of PCT fees from one Office (the "collecting Office") to another (the "beneficiary Office") via the International Bureau ("IB") for PCT purposes (the "WIPO Fee Transfer Service"), pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2 and in accordance with the provisions set out in Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

An Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service as a collecting Office may transfer the following fees and related differences, in accordance with Annex G of the Administrative Instructions:

- **international filing fee** (Rule 15.2(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of the International Bureau;
- **search fee** (Rule 16.1(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority;
- **supplementary search fee** (Rule 45*bis*.3(b)) collected by the International Bureau for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an Authority specified for supplementary search;
- **handling fee** (Rule 57.2(c) or (d)) collected by an International Preliminary Examining Authority for the benefit of the International Bureau; and
- **differences relating to the search fee** (Rule 16.1(e)) received by an Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority in a currency other than its fixed currency.[1]

[1] Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

Furthermore, pursuant to Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 3, the transfer of the above fees and differences from the collecting Office to the International Bureau, for the further transfer to the beneficiary Office, is considered to be the transfer of said fees in accordance with the applicable Rule, and is not considered to be a payment by the collecting Office to a third party.

Between 1 July 2021 and 30 September 2021 (inclusive),[2] the following Offices notified the International Bureau of their participation, or of a change in the scope of their participation, in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.1 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT:

	PCT Fee Transfers				
	International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office[3] (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
CA Canadian Intellectual Property Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: (n/a) as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB, SA	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in CAD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/CA* (BZ)

[2] Complete lists of the Offices that have notified the International Bureau of their participation, or of a change in the scope of their participation, in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes from 1 July 2020 to 20 November 2020, from 21 November 2020 to 31 March 2021, and from 1 April to 30 June 2021 are available in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 November 2020 (pages 256 *et seq.*), 8 April 2021 (pages 73 *et seq.*), and 8 July 2021 (pages 126 *et seq.*), respectively.

[3] Rows relating to participating Offices having an agreement with the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) are identified by light grey shading.

PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	**International Filing Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
CL National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, ES, KR, US as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/CO, CR, CU, DO, IB, MX. PE, TT	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in USD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/CL* (EC, PA, SV)
IR Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran**)**	Collecting RO	Collecting RO *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, IN, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
ME Ministry of Economic Development, Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
TT Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, CL, EP, SE, US	n/a	n/a	n/a

PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	**International Filing Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**Differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
UA National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise "Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)"	*(not yet participating as RO)*	as Collecting RO: *(not yet participating as RO)* as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IB	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives transfers through the service in USD (specified only by non-participating RO/UA)*

SUMMARY **Designated (or elected) Office** **SUMMARY**

TN NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR STANDARDIZATION AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY (INNORPI) (TUNISIA) TN

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into:[1]	Arabic, English or French
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase:[1]	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, as amended only, any text matter of drawings, abstract) Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee:	Currency: Tunisian dinar (TND) Filing fee and first annual fee:[1, 2] TND 140 Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10, per claim:[1, 2] TND 30
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51*bis*):	Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306) Representation by an agent if the applicant is not resident in Tunisia Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney)
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Tunisa
Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49*ter*.2)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests

[1] Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

[2] Fees are subject to value added tax (VAT) of 19%.

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

DJ Djibouti

International applications may be filed and processed in electronic form or by electronic means in accordance with Part 7 (legal framework) and Annex F (technical standard) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to 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 3 January 2022, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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: (253) 21 35 60 11

– by e-mail at: dj.epct@odpic.dj

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 (www.odpic.dj).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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(DJ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WS Samoa

International applications may be filed and processed in electronic form or by electronic means in accordance with Part 7 (legal framework) and Annex F (technical standard) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa)** in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to 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 31 January 2022, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)

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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: (685) 204 41

– by e-mail at: ipros@mcil.gov.ws

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

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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 (www.mcil.gov.ws).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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.

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GM Gambia

The **Registrar General's Department, Ministry of Justice (Gambia)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the types of national protection available via the PCT, where the Gambia is designated (or elected): in addition to protection by patent, protection by utility model is also available.

[Updating of Annex B1(GM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

GM Gambia

The **Registrar General's Department, Ministry of Justice (Gambia)** has notified the International Bureau of a national filing fee for utility models, in **Gambian dalasi (GMD)** and **US dollars (USD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. The amount of this fee is GMD 2,500, or USD 200 for applicants who are not residents of the Gambia.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (GM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LR Liberia

The **Liberia Intellectual Property Office (LIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the amount and in the currency, from **Liberian dollars (LRD)** to **US dollars (USD)**, of the national filing fee. This fee, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, is USD 400.

Furthermore, the Office notified 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:

– any attorney certified by LIPO and registered by the Legal Bar Association; or

– any IP agent certified by LIPO.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (LR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF THE RIGHT OF PRIORITY: NOTIFICATIONS UNDER PCT RULE 49*ter*.2

LR Liberia

In accordance with PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(g), the **Liberia Intellectual Property Office (LIPO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it applies both the "unintentional" and the "due care" criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49*ter*.2.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (LR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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LR Liberia

The **Liberia Intellectual Property Office (LIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the types of national protection available via the PCT, where Liberia is designated (or elected): protection by utility model is now available.

[Updating of Annex B1(LR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PA Panama

The **Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)** has notified the International Bureau of an additional e-mail address. Its e-mail addresses are now as follows:

E-mail: dgrpi@mici.gob.pa
epct@mici.gob.pa

[Updating of Annex B1(PA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CN China

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 (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 new amounts, applicable from 1 December 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CNY	9,260
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CNY	100
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	CNY	1,390
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	CNY	2,090
Handling fee:	CNY	1,390

[Updating of Annexes C(CN) and E(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CA Canada

Agreement between the Government of Canada and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[1] – Amendment to Annex D

The **Canadian Intellectual Property 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, which will take effect on 1 January 2022, consist of changes in the amounts of several fees payable to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

With effect from 1 January 2022, 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 (Canadian dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,628.74
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,628.74
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	814.37
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	814.37
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1*ter* and 94.2) in electronic form	
(a) for the first 7 megabytes, plus	[no change]
(b) for each additional 10 megabytes or part thereof exceeding the first 7 megabytes	[no change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1*ter* and 94.2), per page (paper)	[no change]

Part II. [No change]

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ca.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 entered into force on 1 November 2021, consists of the addition of **Saudi Arabia** to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex.

As from 1 November 2021, the amended Annex A reads 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, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, 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, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, 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/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_sg.pdf

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2022, is CAD 305.39.

[Updating of Annex C(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of fees, in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 January 2022 are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	CAD 1,628.74
Additional search fee[3] (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	CAD 1,628.74

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office notified new amounts of fees, in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, from 1 January 2022, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	CAD 814.37
Additional Preliminary examination fee[4] (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	CAD 814.37

[Updating of Annex E(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[3] This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

[4] This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

RECEIVING OFFICES

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore – in addition to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, the Egyptian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) and the Korean Intellectual Property Office – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 November 2021 with SAIP, in its capacity as receiving Office, by nationals and residents of Saudi Arabia.

[Updating of Annex C(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of certain components of its national fee, in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2022, are as follows:

National fee:

Basic national fee:[5]	CAD	407.18 (203.59)[6]
Fee for reinstatement of rights (late entry into the national phase):	CAD	203.59

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[5] Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

[6] The amount in parentheses is applicable only if the applicant is entitled to pay certain fees at the "small entity" level. In order to be entitled to pay the reduced fee, a signed "small entity" declaration compliant with subsection 44(3) of the *Canadian Patent Rules* must, within the applicable time limit set out in subsection 154(1)(c)(i), 154(2)(a), 154(3)(a)(iii)(A), 154(3)(b)(i)(A) or 154(3)(b)(ii)(A) of the *Canadian Patent Rules*, be made by the applicant or the agent on the applicant's behalf (the declaration shall preferably follow the form of the declaration set out in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Phase, Annex CA.II).

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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation, pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), with Offices, Authorities, and certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system, modifications to Sections 102(h), 705*bis*, 705*ter*, 709, 713(b) and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as well as the introduction of new Section 5.1*bis* in Annex F, were promulgated[1] with effect from 1 January 2022.

The main purposes of these modifications are:

(i) to provide Offices with more flexibility to design their online filing interfaces in respect of the specification of means of communication with the applicant (Section 102(h));

(ii) to clarify that Section 705*bis* applies to the case of "scanning" while new Section 705*ter* applies to the case of "conversion" (Section 705*bis*);

(iii) to provide a legal basis for permitting international applications to be converted from one electronic format (e.g., PDF) to another electronic format (e.g., XML) and processed on that basis, in order to authorize ROs, the IB and ISAs to convert international applications into XML format and use the resulting XML version as the home copy, record copy, or search copy (Section 705*ter*);

(iv) to provide a legal basis for Offices to transmit notifications or other documents to the applicant by making them available for retrieval by the applicant through a dedicated electronic system; and to enable an Office, if agreed by the IB, to request the latter to transmit documents to the applicant by electronic means on its behalf, and details in this respect would be left to the Office concerned and the IB to discuss if such a request would arise (Section 709);

(v) to provide a legal basis for applying Sections 705*bis*(b) to (e) to notifications, communications, correspondence or other documents relating international applications filed, processed or communicated in electronic form that are capable of applying, but do not expressly apply, under Section 713(b) (Section 713(b));

(vi) to set out the technical requirements for how an Office may transmit documents to the applicant by making them available for online retrieval (Annex F, Section 5.1*ter*); and

(vii) to prepare for the future decommissioning of PCT-SAFE (Section 703(b)(iv) *Editor's Note*; and Annex F, section 6).

[1] Refer to Circular C. PCT 1631 of 26 October 2021.

The full text of the Administrative Instructions as in force from 1 January 2022 (PCT/AI/22) is available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/

TEXT OF MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS
(as in force from 1 January 2022)

PART 1
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO GENERAL MATTERS

Section 102
Use of the Forms

(a) Subject to paragraphs (b) to (k) and Section 103, the International Authorities shall use, or require the use of, the mandatory Forms specified below:

[List of forms omitted]

(b) Slight variations in layout necessary in view of the printing of the Forms referred to in paragraph (a) in various languages are permitted.

(c) Slight variations in layout in the Forms referred to in paragraph (a)(ii) to (v) are permitted to the extent necessary to meet the particular office requirements of the International Authorities, in particular in view of the production of the Forms by computer or of the use of window envelopes.

(d) Where the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority and/or the International Preliminary Examining Authority are each part of the same Office, the obligation to use the Forms referred to in paragraph (a) does not extend to communications within that same Office.

(e) The annexes to Forms PCT/RO/106, PCT/RO/118, PCT/ISA/201, PCT/ISA/205, PCT/ISA/206, PCT/ISA/210, PCT/ISA/219, PCT/IB/313, PCT/IB/336, PCT/IPEA/404, PCT/IPEA/405 and PCT/IPEA/415 may be omitted in cases where they are not used.

(f) The notes attached to Forms PCT/RO/101 (request Form), PCT/IB/375 (supplementary search request Form) and PCT/IPEA/401 (demand Form) shall be distributed by the International Authorities concerned together with the printed versions of those Forms. The notes attached to Form PCT/ISA/220 shall accompany the Form when sent to the applicant.

(g) The use of Forms other than those referred to in paragraph (a) is optional.

(h) Where the request or the demand is presented as a computer print-out, such print-out shall be prepared as follows:

(i) subject to subparagraph (ix), the layout and contents of the request and the demand when presented as computer print-outs shall correspond to the format of Forms PCT/RO/101 (request Form) and PCT/IPEA/401 (demand Form) ("the printed Forms"), with the same information being presented on the corresponding pages;

(ii) all boxes shall be drawn by solid lines; double lines may be presented as single lines;

(iii) the box numbers and box titles shall be included even where no information is supplied therein;

(iv) the boxes for use by the International Authorities shall be at least as large as those on the printed Forms;

(v) all other boxes shall be within one cm in size of those on the printed Forms;

(vi) all text shall be 9 points or larger in size;

(vii) titles and other information shall be clearly distinguished;

(viii) explanatory notes presented in italics on the printed Forms may be omitted;

(ix) the request and the demand when presented as computer print-outs may contain additional or alternative details concerning the means of communication with the applicant.

(i) Other formats permitted for the presentation of the request and the demand as computer print-outs may be determined by the Director General. Any such format shall be published in the Gazette.

(j) The page-based layout of a Form generated from a character-coded format shall be permitted if it is generated using a stylesheet provided by the International Bureau.[2]

(k) A Form may be transmitted by one Office, International Authority or the International Bureau to another in character-coded format only, without its page based layout, if the recipient Office, Authority or Bureau has agreed to receive the information in such format and has agreed to generate any page based layout which may be required for the recipient Office's file records.

[2] *Editor's Note:* Available from the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/resources

PART 7
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS

Section 705*bis*
Processing in Electronic Form of International Applications Filed on Paper

(a) Where an international application is filed on paper, it may, subject to this Part, be scanned into electronic form as a complete and accurate copy ("scanned copy") and processed on the basis of the scanned copy.

(b) Pursuant to paragraph (a) and for the purposes of Article 12, the receiving Office, the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority may prepare a scanned copy of the international application and keep it as the home copy, the record copy or the search copy, as the case may be.

(c) Where a scanned copy of the international application is kept as the record copy under paragraph (b), the original of the international application as filed on paper shall be kept, for a period of at least 5 years from the international filing date, by the International Bureau or, where so agreed by the receiving Office and the International Bureau, by the receiving Office on behalf of the International Bureau. The original shall be marked with the words "INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION – ORIGINAL AS FILED ON PAPER (SECTION 705*bis*)" or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application on the bottom of the first page of the request and of the first page of the description.[3]

(d) Where, before the expiration of the period referred to in paragraph (c), the International Bureau finds, upon request for correction made by the applicant or otherwise, that a scanned copy of the international application kept as the record copy under paragraph (b) is not in fact a complete and accurate copy of the original kept under paragraph (c), it shall correct the record copy so as to bring it into conformity with the original. If the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the International Preliminary Examining Authority or a designated or elected Office considers that the International Bureau should make a finding under the first sentence of this paragraph, it shall call the relevant facts to the attention of the International Bureau.

(e) Where the International Bureau has corrected the record copy in accordance with paragraph (d), it shall promptly notify the applicant, publish the corrected international application together with a revised front page, and publish a notice of this fact in the Gazette. Section 422(a)(i) to (v) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* with regard to the notification of the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the International Preliminary Examining Authority and the designated and elected Offices.

[3] *Editor's Note:* In principle, receiving Offices should mark the original at the time of its receipt but they could also mark the original when it is relied upon for the purposes of the correction of the record copy under Section 705*bis*(d).

Section 705*ter*
Processing of International Applications Filed in or Scanned into Electronic Form in a Converted Electronic Format

(a) Where an international application is filed in electronic form, or filed on paper and scanned into electronic form under Section 705*bis*(a), it may, subject to this Part, be converted from the initial or scanned electronic format into another electronic format permitted for this purpose as a complete and accurate copy ("converted copy") and processed on the basis of the converted copy.

(b) The electronic format into which an international application may be converted for the purpose of paragraph (a) shall be XML format as referred to in section 3.1.1.1 of Annex F.

(c) Pursuant to paragraph (a) and subject to the agreement between the relevant Offices, for the purposes of Article 12, the receiving Office, the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority may prepare a converted copy of the international application and keep it as the home copy, the record copy or the search copy, as the case may be.

(d) Notwithstanding Section 705*bis*(c), where a converted copy of the international application is kept under paragraph (c) as the home copy, the record copy or the search copy, the copy in the initial or scanned electronic format shall be kept in the file of the international application in accordance with Rule 93.

(e) Section 705*bis*(d) and (e) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* with respect to corrections of any inconsistencies in the converted copy with the copy in the initial or scanned electronic format kept under paragraph (d).

Section 709
Means of Communication with the Applicant

(a) The receiving Office shall, if it provides for such a service, send any notifications, invitations and other correspondence ("documents") to the applicant by electronic means in accordance with Annex F, unless the applicant requests to receive them by other means offered by the Office.

(b) Where it appears to the receiving Office that a document sent to the applicant by electronic means was not successfully transmitted, the Office shall promptly resend the document by the same or another means.

(b-*bis*) Where the receiving Office provides for such a service and the applicant so requests, the receiving Office may, instead of directly transmitting a document to the applicant, make it available for retrieval by the applicant in an electronic system in accordance with the standard set forth in section 5.1*ter* of Annex F. In this case, the document shall be considered to have been transmitted to the applicant on the day when it was made available for retrieval by the applicant in that electronic system. The receiving Office shall promptly alert the applicant by electronic means whenever a new document has been made available, unless the applicant requests otherwise.

(c) When the electronic systems of the receiving Office are not available for the filing or retrieval of documents in electronic form or by electronic means, the Office shall, if possible, promptly publish information to that effect by reasonably available means.

(d) Where agreed between the receiving Office and the International Bureau, the Office may furnish an electronic copy of a document to the International Bureau for transmission by electronic means to the applicant on its behalf.

Section 713
Application of Provisions to International Authorities and the International Bureau, and to Notifications, Communications, Correspondence and Other Documents[4]

(a) The provisions of this Part, other than Sections 703(c), 704(c) to (g), 707, 708(b)(iii) to (v), 710(a)(iv) and 714(b), shall, if they are capable of applying but do not expressly apply to the International Searching Authorities, the International Preliminary Examining Authorities and the International Bureau, apply *mutatis mutandis* to those Authorities and that Bureau.[5]

(b) The provisions of this Part, other than Sections 703(c), 704(c) to (f), 705, 707, 708(b)(iii) to (v) and 710(a)(iv), shall, if they are capable of applying but do not expressly apply to notifications, communications, correspondence or other documents relating to international applications that are filed, processed or communicated in electronic form, apply *mutatis mutandis* to such notifications, communications, correspondence or other documents relating to international applications.

ANNEX F
STANDARD FOR THE FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS

5. TRANSMISSION

5.1ter Alternative means of secure online transmission by recipient retrieval

Offices offering electronic transmission of documents through online retrieval by a recipient (either the applicant or Office processing the application) should use a secure protocol. Unless the applicant has explicitly requested an alternative arrangement (such as transmission of documents directly by email), transmission should use a connection protected by a modern, secure version of TLS or an alternative protocol of similar security mandated by national law, and a means appropriate to the sensitivity of the documents concerned to ensure that the documents can be retrieved only by authorized persons.

[4] *Editor's Note:* Provisions of Part 7 and Annex F relating to the form or contents of the international application would automatically, by virtue of Article 27(1), be applicable to designated Offices. Communications between applicants and designated Offices would not, however, be governed in general by Annex F.

[5] *Editor's Note:* In relation to Sections 703(a) and 710, an Office acting in more than one capacity (receiving Office, International Searching Authority and/or International Preliminary Examining Authority) would give separate notices to the International Bureau, in each capacity, as to its readiness to receive and process international applications in electronic form.

A preferred implementation involves:

(a) the international application being associated with one or more accounts with the Office, secured by two-factor authentication;

(b) notifications being sent to the recipient when a document becomes available, either using email to the recipient or, where so agreed with the recipient, by the recipient regularly accessing a secure list of newly available documents provided through an associated account, either manually through a secure browser connection or automatically through a RESTful secure web service;

(c) the recipient downloading such documents from an associated account, either manually through a secure browser connection or automatically through a RESTful secure web service.

The association between the international application and any applicant account should preferably be set up using information provided by the applicant at the time of filing using compatible online filing software. Offices should also provide secure means for adding, removing or modifying such associations after filing.

6. ELECTRONIC FILING SOFTWARE

The International Bureau provides software[6] that supports all of the requirements of the basic common standard and certain alternatives available under Annex F. Use of this software is not mandatory but any applicant may choose to use it, in which case the receiving Office must accept the international application concerned (except where it has notified a transitional reservation under AIs Section 703(f) in that respect). Any receiving Office may also specify other filing software acceptable to it.

[6] The current software provided by the International Bureau for this purpose is ePCT. However, for as long as the PCT-SAFE software is still available, any receiving Office may continue to accept PCT-SAFE or both ePCT and PCT-SAFE for this purpose.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

EG Egypt

The **Egyptian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its facsimile number, which is now as follows:

Facsimile machine: (202) 279 21 273

[Updating of Annex B1(EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

SC Seychelles
AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

The Republic of Seychelles has deposited its instrument of accession to the *Protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs within the Framework of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)* (Harare Protocol) and will become bound by that Protocol on 1 January 2022.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 1 January 2022 will include the designation of the Seychelles for an ARIPO patent, as well as for a national patent. Furthermore, from 1 January 2022, nationals and residents of the Seychelles will be able to file international applications with ARIPO as receiving Office, in addition to the Registration Division, Department of Legal Affairs (Seychelles) and the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Updating of Annexes B2(AP), C(AP) and B1(SC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IB International Bureau of WIPO

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2022, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD	108
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD	54

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

LT Lithuania

Pursuant to PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 24 January 2013, page 8.

In particular, as from 15 January 2022, the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania, in its capacity as receiving Office, will accept the filing of international applications in electronic form using ePCT-Filing.

Consequently, as of 15 January 2022, the Office is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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: (370-5) 278 02 50

– by e-mail at: info@vpb.gov.lt

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 (https://vpb.lrv.lt).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
– Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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(LT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

DJ Djibouti

The **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its Internet address, which is now as follows:

Internet: www.odpic.dj

[Updating of Annex B1(DJ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following consultations undertaken by the Director General of WIPO in October 2021, in accordance with the Directives adopted by the PCT Assembly[1] and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the **international filing fee** (including the fee per sheet over 30 and fee reductions when an international application is filed in electronic form) and the **handling fee**, respectively, have been established in **various currencies**, with effect from 1 January 2022, as indicated in table 1 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current equivalent amounts in the prescribed currencies, and, in bold print, the proposed new equivalent amounts of those fees corresponding to the amounts in Swiss francs (CHF) set out in the current Schedule of Fees.[2]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of **search fees** have been established in **receiving Offices' currencies** for all International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 January 2022, as indicated in table 2 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current equivalent amounts (in receiving Offices' currencies) and, in bold print, any new amounts of the search fees fixed,[3] or to be fixed,[4] by the International Searching Authority and the proposed new equivalent amounts of all search fees, in the currencies other than the currency in which the International Searching Authority has fixed its fees.

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1 The Directives of the PCT Assembly relating to the establishment of equivalent amounts of certain fees are available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/equivalent_amounts.html

2 Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/rtax.html

3 Applicable only to the search fees fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office.

4 Applicable only the search fees to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office (PRV), the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent), and the Nordic Patent Institute.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the **supplementary search fees** have been established in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, also with effect from 1 January 2022, for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, as indicated in table 3 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current amounts of the supplementary search fees (in the currencies in which the Authority has fixed its fees), and, in bold print, any new amounts[5] of the supplementary search fees fixed by the Authority, as well as the proposed new equivalent amounts of those fees in Swiss francs (CHF), with effect from 1 January 2022.

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

Annexes C(AM), (AP), (AT), (AU), (AZ), (BA), (BG), (BH), (BW), (BY), (BZ), (CA), (CL), (CN), (CR), (CY), (CZ), (DE), (DJ), (DK), (DO), (EA), (EC), (EE), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (FR), (GB), (GE), (GH), (GR), (HN), (HU), (IB), (IE), (IL), (IN), (IS), (IT), (JO), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KH), (KZ), (LR), (LT), (LU), (LV), (MD), (ME), (MT), (MW), (MX), (NI), (NL), (NO), (NZ), (OM), (PA), (PE), (PG), (PH), (PT), (QA), (RO), (RS), (RU), (SA), (SC), (SE), (SG), (SI), (SK), (SV), (SY), (TJ), (TM), (TT), (UA), (UG), (US), (UZ), (WS), (ZA), (ZM) and (ZW),

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CA Canada

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 **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2022, are CHF 1,197, EUR 1,134 and USD 1,310, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[5] Applicable only to the supplementary search fees fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office (PRV), the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent), and the Nordic Patent Institute.

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 2022, 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
3 January 2022,
15 and 18 April 2022,
26 May 2022,
6 June 2022,
8 September 2022, and
26 and 30 December 2022.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** national Offices or other intergovernmental organizations.

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2022)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 04.10.2021	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees Item 3	
				Item 4(a)	Item 4(b)	Item 4(c)		
Reference currency Swiss franc		1,330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar		2,019	23	n.a	304	455	304	Current amount*
	0.67506	**1,970**	**22**	n.a	**296**	**444**	**296**	**New amount**
CAD - Canadian dollar		1,782	20	n.a	268	402	268	Current amount
	0.73452	**1,811**	20	n.a	**272**	**408**	**272**	**New amount**
CNY - Yuan renminbi		9,260	100	n.a	1,390	2,090	1,390	Current amount**
	0.14339	**9,280**	100	n.a	1,390	2,090	1,390	**New amount**
DKK - Danish krone		9,170	100	n.a	1,380	2,070	1,380	Current amount
	0.14483	**9,180**	100	n.a	1,380	2,070	1,380	**New amount**
EUR - Euro		1,233	14	93	185	278	185	Current amount
	1.07715	**1,235**	14	93	**186**	**279**	**186**	**New amount**
GBP - Pound sterling		1,028	12	n.a	155	232	n.a	Current amount
	1.25978	**1,056**	12	n.a	**159**	**238**	n.a	**New amount**
HUF - Hungarian forint		444,200	5,000	n.a	66,800	100,200	n.a	Current amount
	0.00303	**438,900**	5,000	n.a	**66,000**	**99,000**	n.a	**New amount**
ILS - New Israeli sheqel		***	***	n.a	***	***	704	Current amount*
	0.28759	***	***	n.a	***	***	**695**	**New amount**
ISK - Icelandic krona		184,200	2,100	n.a	27,700	41,600	n.a	Current amount
	0.00717	**185,500**	2,100	n.a	**27,900**	**41,800**	n.a	**New amount**
JPY - Japanese yen		153,600	1,700	n.a	n.a	34,600	23,100	Current amount
	0.00834	**159,500**	**1,800**	n.a	n.a	**36,000**	**24,000**	**New amount**
KRW - Korean won		****	****	n.a	n.a	****	253,000	Current amount
	0.00078	****	****	n.a	n.a	****	**256,000**	**New amount**
NOK - Norwegian krone		12,750	140	n.a	1,920	2,880	n.a	Current amount
	0.10797	**12,320**	140	n.a	**1,850**	**2,780**	n.a	**New amount**
NZD - New Zealand dollar		2,025	23	n.a	305	457	n.a	Current amount
	0.64566	**2,060**	23	n.a	**310**	**465**	n.a	**New amount**
SEK - Swedish krona		12,280	140	n.a	1,850	2,770	1,850	Current amount
	0.10620	**12,520**	140	n.a	**1,880**	**2,820**	**1,880**	**New amount**
SGD - Singapore dollar		1,977	22	n.a	297	446	297	Current amount
	0.68273	**1,948**	22	n.a	**293**	**439**	**293**	**New amount**
USD - US dollar		1,453	16	109	218	328	218	Current amount
	0.92585	**1,437**	16	**108**	**216**	**324**	**216**	**New amount**
ZAR - South African rand		20,630	230	n.a	3,100	4,650	n.a	Current amount
	0.06216	**21,400**	**240**	n.a	**3,220**	**4,830**	n.a	**New amount**

* Amounts applicable since November 1, 2021.
** Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2021.
*** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in New Israeli sheqels of the amounts in US dollars indicated above.
**** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Korean wons of the amounts in Swiss francs indicated above.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2022)

International Searching Authority	**ISA/AT**		**ISA/AU**		**ISA/BR**			**ISA/CA**		
Reference currency & amount	EUR	1,775	AUD	2,200	BRL	2,525	1,685	CAD	1,632	
								CAD	**1,628.74** [1]	
Exchange rates applicable on 4.10.2021	*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*			*Exch. Rate*		
CHF - Swiss franc		1,915		1,449 [2]		458	306		1,218	Current amount
	0.92837	**1,912**	*1.48134*	**1,485**	*5.81351*	**434**	**290**	*1.36143*	**1,197** [3]	**New amount**
USD - US dollar		2,091		1,697		495	330		1,353	Current amount
	0.85954	**2,065**	*1.37151*	**1,604**	*5.38254*	**469**	**313**	*1.26048*	**1,310** [4]	**New amount**
EUR - Euro				1,429		428	285		1,060	Current amount
			1.59564	**1,379**	*6.26214*	**403**	**269**	*1.46647*	**1,134** [5]	**New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar										Current amount
										New amount
DKK - Danish krone										Current amount
										New amount
GBP - Pound sterling										Current amount
										New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint										Current amount
										New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona										Current amount
										New amount
JPY - Japanese yen										Current amount
										New amount
KRW - Korean won		2,422,000		1,829,000						Current amount
	0.00072	**2,465,000**	*0.00116*	**1,897,000**						**New amount**
NOK - Norwegian krone										Current amount
										New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar				2,379						Current amount
			0.95645	**2,300**						**New amount**
SEK - Swedish krona										Current amount
										New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar		2,846		2,150						Current amount
	0.63383	**2,800**	*1.01136*	**2,175**						**New amount**
ZAR - South African rand		30,610		23,560						Current amount
	0.05771	**30,760**	*0.09208*	**23,890**						**New amount**

1. This new amount of the search fee has been fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office with effect from January 1, 2022.
(Refer to *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 4 November 2021, page 177).
2. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2021.
3. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the search fee fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office with effect from January 1, 2022.
4. New equivalent amount in US dollars of the search fee fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office with effect from January 1, 2022.
5. New equivalent amount in Euros of the search fee fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office with effect from January 1, 2022.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2022)

International Searching Authority	**ISA/CL**				**ISA/CN**		**ISA/EG**		**ISA/EP**		
Reference currency & amount	USD	2,000	400	300	CNY	2,100	EGP	4,000	EUR	1,775	
Exchange rates applicable on 4.10.2021	*Exch. Rate*				*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		
CHF - Swiss franc	*1.08009*	1,831 **1,852**	366 **370**	275 **278**	*6.97384*	301 301	*16.95879*	233 **236**	*0.92837*	1,915 **1,912**	Current amount **New amount**
USD - US dollar					*6.45687*	328 **325**	*15.70036*	254 **255**	*0.85954*	2,091 **2,065**	Current amount **New amount**
EUR - Euro	*1.16342*	1,697 **1,719**	339 **344**	255 **258**	*7.51203*	262 **280**	*18.26607*	216 **219**			Current amount **New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar											Current amount **New amount**
DKK - Danish krone									*0.13446*	13,210 **13,200**	Current amount **New amount**
GBP - Pound sterling									*1.16955*	1,526 **1,518**	Current amount **New amount**
HUF - Hungarian forint									*0.00281*	639,500 **631,700**	Current amount **New amount**
ISK - Icelandic krona									*0.00666*	268,000 **266,500**	Current amount **New amount**
JPY - Japanese yen									*0.00774*	236,100 **229,300**	Current amount **New amount**
KRW - Korean won											Current amount **New amount**
NOK - Norwegian krone									*0.10024*	17,880 **17,710**	Current amount **New amount**
NZD - New Zealand dollar									*0.59942*	2,942 **2,961**	Current amount **New amount**
SEK - Swedish krona									*0.09859*	18,610 **18,000**	Current amount **New amount**
SGD - Singapore dollar									*0.63383*	2,846 **2,800**	Current amount **New amount**
ZAR - South African rand									*0.05771*	30,610 **30,760**	Current amount **New amount**

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2022)

International Searching Authority	**ISA/ES**		**ISA/FI**		**ISA/IL**		**ISA/IN**			
Reference currency & amount	EUR	1,775	EUR	1,775	ILS	3,553	INR	10,000	2,500	
Exchange rates applicable on 4.10.2021	*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*			
CHF - Swiss franc		1,915		1,915		976		125	31	Current amount
	0.92837	**1,912**	*0.92837*	**1,912**	*3.47715*	**1,022**	*80.23727*	125	31	**New amount**
USD - US dollar		2,091		2,091		1,107		137	34	Current amount
	0.85954	**2,065**	*0.85954*	**2,065**	*3.21934*	**1,104**	*74.30578*	**135**	34	**New amount**
EUR - Euro						903		116	29	Current amount
					3.74544	**949**	*86.44864*	116	29	**New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar										Current amount
										New amount
DKK - Danish krone										Current amount
										New amount
GBP - Pound sterling										Current amount
										New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint										Current amount
										New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona										Current amount
										New amount
JPY - Japanese yen								14,400	3,600	Current amount
							0.66934	**14,900**	**3,700**	**New amount**
KRW - Korean won										Current amount
										New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone										Current amount
										New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar										Current amount
										New amount
SEK - Swedish krona										Current amount
										New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar										Current amount
										New amount
ZAR - South African rand										Current amount
										New amount

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
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International Searching Authority	**ISA/JP**			**ISA/KR**			**ISA/PH**			**ISA/RU**			
Reference currency & amount	JPY	156,000	70,000	KRW	1,200,000	450,000	USD	1,000	400	RUB	40,000	8,500	
Exchange rates applicable on 4.10.2021	*Exch. Rate*			*Exch. Rate*			*Exch. Rate*			*Exch. Rate*			
CHF - Swiss franc		1,351	606		949	356		916	366		498	106	Current amount
	119.97574	**1,300**	**583**	*1,274.46334*	**942**	**353**	*1.08009*	**926**	**370**	*78.67416*	**508**	**108**	**New amount**
USD - US dollar		1,476	662		1,036	389					543	115	Current amount
	111.01319	**1,405**	**631**	*1,186.98718*	**1,011**	**379**				*72.84422*	**549**	**117**	**New amount**
EUR - Euro		1,173	526		879	330		849	339		459	98	Current amount
	129.15468	**1,208**	**542**	*1,380.96154*	**869**	**326**	*1.16342*	**860**	**344**	*84.74823*	**472**	**100**	**New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar					1,443	541							Current amount
				865.46154	**1,387**	**520**							**New amount**
DKK - Danish krone													Current amount
													New amount
GBP - Pound sterling													Current amount
													New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint													Current amount
													New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona													Current amount
													New amount
JPY - Japanese yen													Current amount
													New amount
KRW - Korean won			714,000										Current amount
	0.09353		**748,000**										**New amount**
NOK - Norwegian krone													Current amount
													New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar					1,435 [6]	538 [6]							Current amount
				827.76923	**1,450**	**544**							**New amount**
SEK - Swedish krona													Current amount
													New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar		1,906			1,410	529							Current amount
	81.86211	1,906		*875.29487*	**1,371**	**514**							**New amount**
ZAR - South African rand													Current amount
													New amount

6. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2021.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2022)

International Searching Authority	ISA/SE[7]		ISA/SG		ISA/TR[8]		ISA/UA			
Reference currency	SEK	18,610	SGD	2,240	TRY	16,250	EUR	300	100	
& amount	SEK	**18,000**			TRY	**18,250**				
Exchange rates applicable on 4.10.2021			*Taux de change*				*Taux de change*			
CHF - Swiss franc		1,915		1,507		1,915		324	108	Current amount
		1,912	*1.46471*	**1,529**		**1,912**	*0.92837*	**323**	108	**New amount**
USD - US dollar		2,091		1,646		2,091		353	118	Current amount
		2,065	*1.35610*	**1,652**		**2,065**	*0.85954*	**349**	**116**	**New amount**
EUR - Euro		1,775		1,397		1,775				Current amount
		1,775	*1.57771*	**1,420**		1,775				**New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar										Current amount
										New amount
DKK - Danish krone		13,210								Current amount
		13,200								**New amount**
GBP - Pound sterling										Current amount
										New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint										Current amount
										New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona		268,000								Current amount
		266,500								**New amount**
JPY - Japanese yen				183,400						Current amount
			0.01222	**183,300**						**New amount**
KRW - Korean won				1,906,000						Current amount
			0.00114	**1,965,000**						**New amount**
NOK - Norwegian krone		17,880								Current amount
		17,710								**New amount**
NZD - New Zealand dollar										Current amount
										New amount
SEK - Swedish krona										Current amount
										New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar										Current amount
										New amount
ZAR - South African rand										Current amount
										New amount

7. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2022, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.
8. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2022, to be fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2022)

International Searching Authority	**ISA/US**				**ISA/XN**[9]		**ISA/XV**		
Reference currency & amount	USD	2,180	1,090	545	DKK DKK	13,210 **13,200**	EUR	1,775	
Exchange rates applicable on 4.10.2021	*Exch. Rate*						*Exch. Rate*		
CHF - Swiss franc	*1.08009*	1,996 **2,018**	998 **1,009**	499 **505**		1,915 **1,912**	*0.92837*	1,915 **1,912**	Current amount **New amount**
USD - US dollar						2,091 **2,065**	*0.85954*	2,091 **2,065**	Current amount **New amount**
EUR - Euro	*1.16342*	1,850 **1,874**	925 **937**	463 **468**		1,775 1,775			Current amount **New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar									Current amount **New amount**
DKK - Danish krone									Current amount **New amount**
GBP - Pound sterling									Current amount **New amount**
HUF - Hungarian forint							*0.00281*	639,500 **631,700**	Current amount **New amount**
ISK - Icelandic krona						268,000 **266,500**			Current amount **New amount**
JPY - Japanese yen									Current amount **New amount**
KRW - Korean won									Current amount **New amount**
NOK - Norwegian krone						17,880 **17,710**			Current amount **New amount**
NZD - New Zealand dollar	*0.69737*	3,076 **3,126**	1,538 **1,563**	769 **782**					Current amount **New amount**
SEK - Swedish krona						18,610 **18,000**			Current amount **New amount**
SGD - Singapore dollar									Current amount **New amount**
ZAR - South African rand	*0.06714*	31,120 **32,470**	15,560 **16,230**	7,780 **8,120**					Current amount **New amount**

9. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2022, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2022)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	**ISA/AT**				**ISA/EP**		**ISA/FI**		**ISA/RU**		
Reference currency & Amount	EUR	850 [1]	1,190 [2]	1,700 [3]	EUR	1,775	EUR	1,775	Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles[4]	11,800	18,880 [5]
Exchange rate applicable on 04.10.2021	*Exch. Rate*				*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		
CHF - Swiss franc	*0.92837*	**916**	**1,282**	**1,831**	*0.92837*	**1,912**	*0.92837*	**1,912**	*78.67416*	**150**	**240**

1. For a search of the German-language documentation.
2. For a search of the European or North American documentation.
3. For a search of only the PCT minimum documentation.
4. This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
5. This fee 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).

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2022)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	**ISA/SE**	**ISA/SG**	**ISA/TR**	**ISA/UA**
Reference currency & Amount	SEK 18,610	SGD 2,240	TRY 500 [6] 16,250	EUR 60 [7] 70 [8] 90 [9] 90 [10]
	SEK **18,000** [11]		TRY **18,250** [12]	
Exchange rate applicable on 04.10.2021		*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*
CHF - Swiss franc	**1,912** [13]	*1.46471* **1,529**	**52** [14] **1,912** [14]	*0.92837* 65 **75** 97 97

6. For a search of only on the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority.
7. This fee 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).
8. For a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation.
9. For a search of only the European and North American documentation.
10. For a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation.
11. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2022.
12. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2022.
13. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2022.
14. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2022.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2022)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	**ISA/XN**			**ISA/XV**		
Reference currency & Amount	DKK	4,000 [15]	13,210	EUR	550 [16]	1,775
	DKK		**13,200** [17]			
Exchange rate applicable on 04.10.2021				*Exch. Rate*		
CHF - Swiss franc		**579** [18]	**1,912** [18]	*0.92837*	**592**	**1,912**

15. For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

16. For a search of only the documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak.

17. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2022.

18. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2022.

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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

JM Jamaica

On 10 November 2021, **Jamaica** deposited its instrument of accession to the *Patent Cooperation Treaty* (PCT), and will become bound by the PCT on **10 February 2022**. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 10 February 2022 will automatically include the designation of Jamaica (country code: JM).

Jamaica 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 10 February 2022.

Furthermore, as from 10 February 2022, nationals and residents of Jamaica will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

TZ United Republic of Tanzania

The **Business Registrations and Licensing Agency, Ministry of Industry and Trade (United Republic of Tanzania)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its location, which is now as follows:

Location: BRELA Office Plot No. 23, Block No. 20
Shaaban Robert/Sokoine Drive Junction
Dar Es Salaam
The United Republic of Tanzania

[Updating of Annex B1(TZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

LT Lithuania – Corrigendum

The information published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 November 2021 (page 190) contained an error concerning the available means for filing international applications in electronic form with the **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania.**

In particular, from 15 January 2022, the Office will continue to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form using EPO Online Filing.

Consequently, as from 15 January 2022, the item concerning electronic filing software, as specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette), is replaced by the following:

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

– ePCT-Filing

– EPO online filing software

TT Trinidad and Tobago

International applications may be filed and processed in electronic form or by electronic means in accordance with Part 7 (legal framework) and Annex F (technical standard) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)** in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and pursuant to 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 **31 January 2022**, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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: (1-868) 226 44 76

– by fax at: (1-868) 226 51 60

– by e-mail at: info@ipo.gov.tt

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 (www.ipo.gov.tt).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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(TT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: COMMON TIMETABLE FOR FEE LISTS AND FEE TRANSFERS

Since 1 July 2020, any PCT receiving Office ("RO"), International Searching Authority ("ISA"), Authority specified for supplementary international search ("SISA"), or International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") may participate, as a "participating Office", in the exchange of PCT fees from one Office (the "collecting Office") to another (the "beneficiary Office") via the International Bureau ("IB") for PCT purposes (the "WIPO Fee Transfer Service"), pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2 and in accordance with the provisions set out in Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

Common Timetable for Fee Lists and Fee Transfers

Following consultations with participating Offices, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.2, paragraph 8 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, a common timetable has been established for the year 2022, specifying the latest dates, each month, by which a participating Collecting Office shall establish and transmit fee transfer information to the International Bureau; and by which the lists of fees to be transferred, and the amounts of fees indicated in said lists, shall be established and transmitted to, and from, the International Bureau.

The common timetable established for the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 is as follows:

Cycle	Calendar month (2022)	PCT Fee Transfer Service Month (Invoice Period)	Fee Transfer Service	Last date for documentation notification to IB (12h00 CET)	Receiving Office payment cut-off value date	PCT Fee Transfer Service Statement Reports	PCT Fee Transfer Service Settlement Date
1	January	Dec. 2021	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 19-Jan-2022	Friday 21-Jan-2022	Tuesday 25-Jan-2022	Friday 28-Jan-2022
2	February	Jan. 2022	PCT/ISA fee	Friday 18-Feb-2022	Monday 21-Feb-2022	Tuesday 22-Feb-20221	Friday 25-Feb-2022
3	March	Feb. 2022	PCT/ISA fee	Friday 18-Mar-2022	Monday 21-Mar-2022	Tuesday 22-Mar-2022	Friday 25-Mar-2022
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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 2022.

With effect from 1 March 2022, 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 (Israel new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,635
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,635
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,558
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,558
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13*ter*.1(c) and 13*ter*.2)	467
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1*ter* and 94.2), per document	45

Part II. [No change]

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf

US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[2] – Amendment to Annex A

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A(i) thereof. This amendment, which entered into force on 1 October 2021, consists of the addition of Saudi Arabia to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. 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:

United States of America, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Georgia, Guatemala, India, Israel, Jordan, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

United States of America, and

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Georgia, Guatemala, India, Israel, Jordan, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago.

Where a receiving Office specifies the Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and the Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

(ii) [no change]

[2] Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf

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TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: ro-th-pct@ipthailand.go.th

[Updating of Annex B1(TH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts, in **new Israel shekels (ILS)**, of the transmittal fee and the fee for priority document, applicable from 1 January 2022 and 1 March 2022, respectively, and payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	ILS	567
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ILS	90

[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 **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 March 2022, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	3,635
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	3,635
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1(c)):	ILS	467
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 94.1*ter*), per document:	ILS	45

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office also notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and applicable from 1 March 2022, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	ILS	1,558
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	ILS	1,558
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.2):	ILS	467
Cost of copies (Rules 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document:	ILS	45

[Updating of Annex E(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has specified the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) – in addition to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, the Egyptian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the Korean Intellectual Property Office – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 October 2021 with SAIP, in its capacity as receiving Office, by nationals and residents of Saudi Arabia.

[Updating of Annex C(SA) 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, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, of the national filing fee, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable as from 1 January 2022, is ILS 2,077.[3]

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[3] 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.

EXCUSE OF DELAY UNDER PCT RULE 82*quater*.2: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU UNDER PCT RULE 82*quater*.2(a)

EP European Patent Organisation

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 **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of the following period of unavailability of several of its permitted electronic means of communication:

– Online Filing, Online Filing 2.0, Web Form Filing, Online Fee Payment, Mailbox and MyFiles, Espacenet, Open Patent Services (OPS) and The European Patent Register: 29 November 2021, from 03:13 CET (Central European Time) to 08:35 CET.

Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to the unavailability of any of the above-mentioned services during the indicated period may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82*quater*.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions, published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 November 2020, page 254.

Information concerning this unavailability has been published on the EPO website at:

https://www.epo.org/service-support/availability-of-online-services/2021.html

and on the WIPO website at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/unavailability.html

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BN Brunei Darussalam

The **Brunei Darussalam Intellectual Property Office (BruIPO)** has notified the international Bureau of changes to its location and mailing address, telephone and Internet address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	The Law Building Ground Floor Jalan Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha Bandar Seri Begawan, BA 1910 Brunei Darussalam
Telephone:	(673) 222 59 19
Internet:	http://www.bruipo.gov.bn/SitePages/Home.aspx

[Updating of Annex B1(BN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

ID Indonesia

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** has notified the International Bureau of an additional component of the national fee, in **Indonesian rupiah (IDR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. The amount, applicable since 3 May 2019, is as follows:

National fee:

Additional filing fee: for each page of the description in excess of 30:	IDR 15,000

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (ID) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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BZ Belize

On 7 December 2021, the **Belize Intellectual Property Office** notified the International Bureau that the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services.

[Updating of Annex B1(BZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified the International Bureau of the deletion of one of its telephone numbers. The remaining available telephone number is as follows:

Telephone: (40-21) 306 08 00

[Updating of Annex B1(RO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau that, from 1 January 2022, and for one year on a pilot basis, an e - mail address will be available for submitting general and non time sensitive questions regarding the PCT and the procedures applicable to international applications filed under the PCT and U.S. national phase applications submitted under 35 U.S.C. §371. It should be noted that this e-mail address is not intended for case specific or time sensitive inquiries, which should still be directed by telephone to the PCT Help Desk ((1- 571) 272 43 00). The new e-mail address is as follows:

E-mail: PCTHelp@uspto.gov

[Updating of Annex B1(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **new lei (RON)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2022, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	RON	495	
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RON	99	plus copying costs

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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 2020. 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 (Israel new shekel)**
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,582
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,582
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,535
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,535
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13*ter*.1(c) and 13*ter*.2)	460
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1*ter* and 94.2), per document	[No change]

Part II. [No change]"

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone and facsimile numbers, as well as to its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(375-17) 272 46 96
Facsimile:	(375-17) 272 98 34
E-mail:	icd@ncip.by ncip@ncip.by
Internet:	www.ncip.by

[Updating of Annex B1(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office since 18 December 2019, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD	212 (online) 289 (on paper)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD	29
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	USD	144

[Updating of Annex C(CR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ID Indonesia

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Indonesian rupiah (IDR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 3 May 2019, is IDR 300,000.

[Updating of Annex C(ID) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 March 2020, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	3,582
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	3,582
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1(c)):	ILS	460

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office also notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and applicable from 1 March 2020, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	ILS	1,535
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	ILS	1,535
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.2):	ILS	460

[Updating of Annex E(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

ID Indonesia

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the number of paper copies of the international application required by it – one copy is now required, instead of two.

[Updating of Annex C(ID) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UG Uganda

The **Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO), in addition to the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the URSB by nationals and residents of Uganda, with effect since 27 November 2019.

[Updating of Annex C(UG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EG Egypt

The **Egyptian Patent Office** notified the International Bureau of a new amount, in **Egyptian pounds (EGP)**, of the examination fee component of its national fee, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable since 7 November 2017, is EGP 17,000. Students are exempt from paying this fee.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount, in **euros (EUR)**, of the filing fee component of its national fee for non-online filings. This amount, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 April 2019, is EUR 250.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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ID Indonesia

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) — the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and will no longer accept the filing of documents by fax.

[Updating of Annex B1(ID) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

ID Indonesia

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Indonesian rupiah (IDR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 3 May 2019, are as follows:

National fee:

Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	IDR	75,000
Substantive examination fee:	IDR	3,000,000

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (ID) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

In accordance with 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 2020, are CHF 1,009, EUR 932 and USD 1,036, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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IL Israel – Corrigendum

Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[1] - Amendment to Annex D

The indication of "Late furnishing fee" in Part I of Annex D of the above-mentioned Agreement, as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 9 January 2020, page 2, was erroneous. The correct indication is: "Late furnishing fee for sequence listings".

In addition, the translation into French of the indication "Cost of copies" was also erroneous. The corrected French version of Annex D is published in the *Notifications officielles (Gazette du PCT)*[2] of 30 January 2020, page 10.

As from 1 March 2020, 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 (Israel new shekel)**
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,582
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,582
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,535
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,535
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13*ter*.1(c) and 13*ter*.2)	460
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1*ter* and 94.2), per document	[No change]

Part II. [No change]"

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf
[2] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int//pct/fr/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf

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KG Kyrgyzstan

The **State Service of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic** has notified the International Bureau of an amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Kyrgyz som (KGS)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 3 October 2016, is KGS 4,000. This fee is reduced by 90% if the applicant is an individual.

For non-residents of Kyrgyzstan, the equivalent amount of the fee can be paid in a freely convertible currency, in accordance with the exchange rate of the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic applicable on the date of payment.

[Updating of Annex C(KG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ERRONEOUSLY FILED ELEMENTS AND PARTS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(A-*BIS*)

Corrigendum: The notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 19 December 2019 (pages 199 and 200) concerning incompatibility with the law applied by the European Patent Office (EPO) in its capacity as receiving Office, under new PCT Rule 20.8, contained incorrect references to Rule 20.8(b-*bis*). The said notification is hereby corrected and republished, as follows:

During its fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 20.5*bis*[3] of the PCT Regulations concerning erroneously filed elements and parts of international applications, as well as new Rule 20.8(a-*bis*), concerning incompatibility of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii)[4] and 20.5*bis*(d)[5] with the national law applied by receiving Offices. These new Rules, among others, will enter into force on 1 July 2020.

[3] The complete text of Rule 20.5*bis* is reproduced in Annex III of document number PCT/A/51/2, which is available online at: https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/pct_a_51/pct_a_51_2.pdf

[4] New Rule 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) states: "Where, in determining whether the papers purporting to be an international application fulfil the requirements of Article 11(1), the receiving Office finds that an entire element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) has or appears to have been erroneously filed, or that a part of the description, claims or drawings has or appears to have been erroneously filed, including the case where all drawings have or appear to have been erroneously filed ("erroneously filed element or part"), it shall promptly invite the applicant, at the applicant's option to confirm, in accordance with Rule 20.6(a), that the correct element or part was incorporated by reference under Rule 4.18 and to make observations, if any, within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7. If that time limit expires after the expiration of 12 months from the filing date of any application whose priority is claimed, the receiving Office shall call that circumstance to the attention of the applicant."

[5] New Rule 20.5*bis*(d) states: "Where, following an invitation under paragraph (a) or otherwise, a correct element or part is, under Rule 20.6(b), considered to have been contained in the purported international application on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, the erroneously filed element or part concerned shall remain in the application, and the receiving Office shall accord as the international filing date the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled and proceed as provided in Rule 20.2(b) and (c) and as provided for in the Administrative Instructions."

New Rule 20.8(a-*bis*) states: "If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply to an international application filed with that receiving Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette."

EP European Patent Organisation

In accordance with new PCT Rule 20.8(a-*bis*), which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that new PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and 20.5*bis*(d) cannot be considered to be compatible with the legal framework of the Convention on the Grant of European Patents (EPC).

ERRONEOUSLY FILED ELEMENTS AND PARTS: NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(B-*BIS*)

During its fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 20.5*bis*[6] of the PCT Regulations concerning erroneously filed elements and parts of international applications, as well as new Rule 20.8(b-*bis*), concerning incompatibility of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii)[7] and 20.5*bis*(d)[8] with the national law applied by designated Offices. These new Rules, among others, will enter into force on 1 July 2020.

New Rule 20.8(b-*bis*) states: "If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply in respect of that Office in relation to an international application in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22 have been performed before that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette."

EP European Patent Organisation

In accordance with new PCT Rule 20.8(b-*bis*), which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that new PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and 20.5*bis*(d) cannot be considered to be compatible with the legal framework of the Convention on the Grant of European Patents (EPC).

6 See footnote 3.
7 See footnote 4.
8 See footnote 5.

AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES: NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents ("DAS"), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly.

Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and 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) in a wide variety of media and formats.

Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions for the Digital Access for Priority Documents or Section 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT are published by the International Bureau at: www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html.

NO Norway

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions of the Digital Access for Priority Documents, the **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as depositing Office and accessing Office, with effect since 1 January 2020.

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SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Patent Office (SPO)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the name of the Office, as well as to its location and mailing address, telephone numbers, facsimile number, and e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Name of Office:	Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)
Location and mailing address:	As Sahafah, Olaya St. 6531, 3059 Riyadh 13321 Saudi Arabia
Telephone:	(966-11) 280 59 76 (966-11) 280 60 09
Facsimile machine:	(966-11) 280 60 02
E-mail:	pct@saip.gov.sa
Internet:	www.saip.gov.sa

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TN Tunisia

The **National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Tunisian dinars (TND)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 2 January 2020, is TND 100.

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US United States of America

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 **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2020, are NZD 3,135 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, NZD 1,567 for a small entity and NZD 784 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the Advanced Biotechnology Center (ABC), an international depositary authority 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 name of the authority is ***IRCCS Ospedale Policlinico San Martino***.

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CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of new components of its national fee, in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 30 October 2019, are as follows:

National fee:

Additional fee for reinstatement of rights (late entry into the national phase):	CAD	200
Additional fee for late payment under subsection 154(4) of the Canadian Patent Rules:	CAD	150

Furthermore, the Office notified changes to the relevant provisions of its national law concerning an applicant's entitlement to pay the reduced amount of the basic national fee as a "small entity". In order to be entitled to pay the reduced fee, a signed "small entity" declaration[1] compliant with subsection 44(3) of the Canadian Patent Rules must be made by the applicant or the applicant's agent, within the applicable time limit set out in subsections 154(1)(c)(i), 154(2)(a), 154(3)(a)(iii)(A), 154(3)(b)(i)(A), 154(3)(b)(ii)(A) or 80(1)(a) and 80(2) of Canadian Patent Rules.

In addition, the Office notified a change in the time limits for payment of the maintenance fee in respect of each one-year period, due at the time of entry into the national phase, where that entry is effected on or after the second (or possibly third) anniversary of the international filing date. With effect since 30 October 2019, where PCT Article 22 or 39(1) applies, this fee is due:

– within 24 months from the international filing date, or within 30 months from the priority date if that time limit expires later; or

– within 12 months after the 30-month deadline, provided the applicant pays the additional fee for late entry into the national phase.

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[1] This declaration should preferably follow the form of the declaration set out in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Phase, Annex CA.II.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the requirements for late entry into the national phase. Late entry into the national phase is still possible (up to 12 months after the 30-month deadline (30 months from the priority date)); however, since 30 October 2019, applicants must pay the fee for reinstatement of rights and meet the other requirements outlined in subsection 154(3) of the Canadian Patent Rules for the reinstatement of rights (late entry into the national phase).

Furthermore, the Office notified several changes to its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*. Since 30 October 2019, the complete list of these special requirements is as follows:

– The name and postal address of each inventor.

– A statement that either (i) the applicant/applicants is/are entitled to apply for a patent, or (ii) the applicant is the sole inventor or, if there are joint applicants, that the applicants are all inventors and the sole inventors.

– If the Commissioner reasonably doubts that the person who entered the national phase is the applicant of the international application or the legal representative, the Commissioner will require evidence to establish ownership rights in the international application.

  An applicant may provide documentation[2] with the request to enter the national phase establishing that the person who entered the national phase is the applicant of the international application or the legal representative.

– Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not the inventor.

  If the appointed agent does not reside in Canada, the appointment by the agent of an agent who resides in Canada to be the associate agent.

  Evidence of the consent of the appointment of the agent when the document appointing that agent is not submitted by the latter.

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[2] Such documentation may include: Form PCT/IB/306, a document effecting the transfer of rights, or a change of name document.

CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the conditions for reduction of the filing fee component of the national fee. Since 18 December 2019, the filing fee is reduced by 70% where the international application has been filed by natural persons, micro or small enterprises (as defined in Law No. 8262 of Costa Rica), public institutions of higher education, or public institutes for scientific or technology research.

Together with the request for reduction of the fee, the applicant must provide, in addition to the proof of payment, the following documents:

– a sworn statement in which the applicant declares that he is entitled to the reduction;

– a copy of the identification card ("*cédula de identidad*") in the case of a natural person; or

– a copy of the corporation card ("*cédula jurídica*") in the case of a legal person.

To proceed with the registration of the transfer of rights to a third party that is not entitled to the reduction, the latter must pay the remaining 70% of the fee that was not initially paid by the assignor. In addition, as from the date of transfer to a third party, the assignee must pay the total amount of the annual fees due to maintain the validity of the patent.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

UG Uganda

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 15 April 2020, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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: (256-41) 733 80 00
(256-41) 733 81 00

– by e-mail at: ip@ursb.go.ug

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 (www.ursb.go.ug).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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."

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NL Netherlands

The **Netherlands Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning its facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – since 1 July 2018, the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile machine and, consequently, no longer accepts the filing of documents by fax.

[Updating of Annex B1(NL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AZ Azerbaijan

The **Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several fees, in **Azerbaijani manat (AZN)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These fees, applicable since 27 May 2019, are as follows:

For patent or utility model:

Additional fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	AZN	7[1]	
Additional fee for each dependent claim in excess of ten:	AZN	7[1]	
Annual fee for the 3rd year:	AZN	50	(reduced to AZN 10 where all applicants are natural persons)

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **new lei (RON)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2020, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	RON	475	
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RON	95	plus copying costs

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[1] This fee is subject to value-added tax (VAT) of 18%.

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EP European Patent Organisation

Agreement between the European Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[1] – Amendment to Annex D

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Articles 11(3)(iii) and 11(4)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Parts I and II of Annex D thereof. These amendments consist of changes in the amounts of several fees, the introduction of conditions for reduction of the supplementary international search fee, as well as changes to conditions for reductions of the international search fee and the international preliminary examination fee.

The new conditions for reduction of the international search fee shall apply to all international applications filed on or after 1 April 2020. The new conditions for reduction of the supplementary international search fee and the international preliminary examination fee shall apply in respect of payments made on or after 1 April 2020.

The amendments to Annex D, which will enter into force on 1 April 2020, 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))	[No change][2]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change][2]
Supplementary search fees (Rule 45*bis*.3(a))	[No change][2]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change][2]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change][2]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	910
Review fee (Rule 45*bis*.6(c))	910
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13*ter*.1(c) and 13*ter*.2)	240

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/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.

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) to (3) [No change]

(4) The amount of the international search fee and the international preliminary examination fee (including any additional fee to be paid), and of the supplementary international search fee, shall be reduced by 75%:

(i) where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person who is a national and resident of a State not party to the European Patent Convention, and which on the date of filing of the application or on the date of payment of the supplementary international search fee or of the international preliminary examination fee, is classified as a low-income or lower-middle-income economy by the World Bank. Where the Authority is informed of a change under Rule 92*bis* before the start of the international search, the supplementary international search or, as the case may be, the start of the international preliminary examination, and the change would modify the applicability of the fee reduction, the Authority may request the applicant to pay the full amount of the international search fee, supplementary international search fee or international preliminary examination fee, as well as the full amount of any additional fees that the applicant may be invited to pay; or

(ii) where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural or legal person who, within the meaning of Rule 18, is a national and resident of a State in which a validation agreement with the European Patent Organisation is in force.

(5) to (8) [No change]"

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EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 April 2020, as follows:

Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	EUR	910
Review fee (PCT Rule 45*bis*.6(c)):	EUR	910
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1(c))	EUR	240

[Updating of Annexes D(EP) and SISA(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, 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 2020, are as follows:

Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	EUR	910
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.2):	EUR	240

[Updating of Annex E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office 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 2020, are as follows:

National fee:		
Filing fee:[3, 4]		
– for online filings	EUR	125
– for non-online filings	EUR	260
Additional fee for pages in excess of 35 (for the 36th and each subsequent page)	EUR	16
Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated[5]	EUR	610
Claims fee:[3]		
– for the 16th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50:	EUR	245
– for the 51st and each subsequent claim:	EUR	610
Search fee:[3]		
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005	EUR	920
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005	EUR	1,350

[3] Must be paid within 31 months from the priority date. For claims fees see also paragraph EP.08 of National Chapter (EP).

[4] See the Decisions of the EPO's Administrative Council dated 12 December 2019 (CA/D 12/19), OJ EPO 2020, A3.

[5] The designation, extension and validation fees are payable within 31 months from the priority date or six months after the date of publication of the international search report, whichever expires later.

Fee for further processing:		
– in the event of late payment of a fee	[No change]	
– other cases	EUR	265
Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing	EUR	240
Examination fee:[6]		
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005	EUR	1,900
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up	EUR	1,900
– for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005	EUR	1,700
Renewal fee for the third year[7]	EUR	490

Finally, 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 Patent and Registration Office, the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent) or the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI).

The new amount of this reduction is EUR 1,150.

The reduction shall apply to international applications filed up to and including 31 March 2024 and for which the supplementary search fee is paid on or after 1 April 2020.[8]

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[6] 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.

[7] 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.

[8] See the Decision of the EPO's Administrative Council dated 12 December 2019 (CA/D 12/19), OJ EPO 2020, A3.

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CN China

In January 2020, the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** announced[9] that, as from 1 March 2020, it would no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed using the PCT-SAFE software.

On 18 February 2020, pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau of this change.

Consequently, with effect from 1 March 2020, the item concerning electronic filing software specified by the Office in the notification published in the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) of 23 June 2016, pages 133 *et seq.* will be replaced by the following:

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

– CEPCT Software

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[9] This announcement is available on the Office's website at: http://www.pctonline.cnipa.gov.cn/index.do?type=gengduo&jilulx=1

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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FIFTY-FIRST (22ND ORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

At its fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) approved the following changes affecting the PCT System:

– amendments to the PCT Regulations; and

– a revised version of the lists of States meeting the criteria referred to in items 5(a) and 5(b) of the PCT Schedule of Fees, in accordance with the Directives[1] for updating these lists.

Documents prepared for the Assembly, which give detailed background information relating to the decisions taken, as well as the session report, are available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=52258

The aforementioned changes are outlined below.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

The amendments to the PCT Regulations that were approved by the Assembly will enter into force on 1 July 2020 and are as follows:

– Amendments to PCT Rule 82*quater*, regarding safeguards in case of outages affecting Offices, are intended to allow Offices to simplify the process of excusing failures to meet certain time limits due to outages of electronic systems;

– New PCT Rule 26*quater*, concerning correction or addition of indications under PCT Rule 4.11, allows for correction of errors or omissions in indications of the type of protection to be sought in the national phase;

– New PCT Rule 40*bis* , as well as amendments to PCT Rules 4, 12, 20, 48, 51*bis*, 55 and 82*ter*, concerning erroneously filed elements and parts of the international application, are intended to align the practices of receiving Offices and designated (or elected) Offices in the special case where an applicant has erroneously filed a wrong element or part of the international application;

[1] As adopted by the Assembly of the PCT Union at its forty-sixth (27th extraordinary) session and published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 February 2015 (page 33).

– Amendments to PCT Rules 15, 16, 57 and 96, concerning the transfer of PCT Fees, are enabling provisions setting out consistent procedures on transferring fees from one Office to another via the International Bureau, with an aim to assist Offices wishing to use the new “netting” arrangement; and

– Amendments to PCT Rules 71 and 94, concerning the availability of the file held by the International Preliminary Examining Authority, allow greater transparency by permitting more documents related to the international preliminary examination procedure to be made available to the public.

Furthermore, the Assembly adopted the following Understandings concerning the provisions relating to erroneously filed elements and parts of the international application:

– “In adopting new Rule 20.5*bis*, the Assembly agreed that Article 15 should be interpreted such that, in the case of incorporation by reference of a correct element or part under Rule 20.5*bis*(d), the International Searching Authority would only be required to carry out the international search on the basis of the international application (‘the claims, with due regard to the description and the drawings, if any’) including the correct element or part incorporated by reference, and would not need to take into account any erroneously filed element or part which, pursuant to Rule 20.5*bis*(d), remained in the application. The Assembly further agreed that Article 15 should be interpreted such that, in the case referred to in Rule 40*bis*.1, where no additional fees were paid within the prescribed time limit, the International Searching Authority would only be required to carry out the international search on the basis of the international application (‘the claims, with due regard to the description and the drawings, if any’) including the erroneously filed element or part, and would not need to take into account any correct element or part included in the application under Rule 20.5*bis*(c) or incorporated by reference under Rule 20.5*bis*(d).

– In adopting new Rule 20.8(a-*bis*), the Assembly agreed that, where a correct element or part cannot be incorporated by reference under Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and (d) because of the operation of Rule 20.8(a-*bis*), the receiving Office concerned and the International Bureau shall agree, under Rule 19.4(a)(iii), with the authorization of the applicant, that the procedures under Rule 19.4 shall apply, in which case the international application shall, subject to Rule 19.4(b), be considered to have been received by that Office on behalf of the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii).”

The text of the new and amended Rules is reproduced hereafter.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 July 2020)

Rule 4
The Request (Contents)

4.1 to 4.17 [*No change*]

4.18 *Statement of Incorporation by Reference*

Where the international application, on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, claims the priority of an earlier application, the request may contain a statement that, where an element of the international application referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e), or a part of the description, claims or drawings referred to in Rule 20.5(a), or an element or part of the description, claims or drawings referred to in Rule 20.5*bis*(a) is not otherwise contained in the international application but is completely contained in the earlier application, that element or part is, subject to confirmation under Rule 20.6, incorporated by reference in the international application for the purposes of Rule 20.6. Such a statement, if not contained in the request on that date, may be added to the request if, and only if, it was otherwise contained in, or submitted with, the international application on that date.

4.19 [*No change*]

Rule 12
Language of the International Application and Translations for the Purposes of International Search and International Publication

12.1 [*No change*]

12.1*bis* *Language of Elements and Parts Furnished under Rule 20.3, 20.5, 20.5bis or 20.6*

An element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) furnished by the applicant under Rule 20.3(b), 20.5*bis*(b), 20.5*bis*(c) or 20.6(a) and a part of the description, claims or drawings furnished by the applicant under Rule 20.5(b), 20.5(c), 20.5*bis*(b), 20.5*bis*(c) or 20.6(a) shall be in the language of the international application as filed or, where a translation of the application is required under Rule 12.3(a) or 12.4(a), in both the language of the application as filed and the language of that translation.

12.1*ter* to 12.4 [*No change*]

Rule 15
The International Filing Fee

15.1 [*No change*]

15.2 *Amount; Transfer*

(a) and (b) [*No change*]

(c) Where the prescribed currency is the Swiss franc, the receiving Office shall transfer the said fee to the International Bureau in Swiss francs in accordance with Rule 96.2.

(d) Where the prescribed currency is a currency other than the Swiss franc and that currency:

(i) is freely convertible into Swiss francs, the Director General shall establish, for each receiving Office which prescribes such a currency for the payment of the international filing fee, an equivalent amount of that fee in the prescribed currency according to directives given by the Assembly, and the amount in that currency shall be transferred by the receiving Office to the International Bureau in accordance with Rule 96.2;

(ii) is not freely convertible into Swiss francs, the receiving Office shall be responsible for the conversion of the international filing fee from the prescribed currency into Swiss francs and shall transfer that fee in Swiss francs, in the amount set out in the Schedule of Fees, to the International Bureau in accordance with Rule 96.2. Alternatively, if the receiving Office so wishes, it may convert the international filing fee from the prescribed currency into euros or US dollars and transfer the equivalent amount of that fee in euros or US dollars, as established by the Director General according to directives given by the Assembly as referred to in item (i), to the International Bureau in accordance with Rule 96.2.

15.3 and 15.4 [*No change*]

Rule 16
The Search Fee

16.1 *Right to Ask for a Fee*

(a) and (b) [*No change*]

(c) Where the prescribed currency is the currency in which the International Searching Authority has fixed the said fee (“fixed currency”), the receiving Office shall transfer the said fee to that Authority in that currency in accordance with Rule 96.2.

(d) Where the prescribed currency is not the fixed currency and that currency:

(i) is freely convertible into the fixed currency, the Director General shall establish, for each receiving Office which prescribes such a currency for the payment of the search fee, an equivalent amount of that fee in the prescribed currency according to directives given by the Assembly, and the amount in that currency shall be transferred by the receiving Office to the International Searching Authority in accordance with Rule 96.2;

(ii) is not freely convertible into the fixed currency, the receiving Office shall be responsible for the conversion of the search fee from the prescribed currency into the fixed currency and shall transfer that fee in the fixed currency, in the amount fixed by the International Searching Authority, to the International Searching Authority in accordance with Rule 96.2.

(e) and (f) [*No change*]

16.2 and 16.3 [*No change*]

Rule 20
International Filing Date

20.1 to 20.4 [*No change*]

20.5 *Missing Parts*

(a) Where, in determining whether the papers purporting to be an international application fulfill the requirements of Article 11(1), the receiving Office finds that a part of the description, claims or drawings is or appears to be missing, including the case where all of the drawings are or appear to be missing ("missing part") but not including the case where an entire element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) is or appears to be missing and not including the case referred to in Rule 20.5*bis*(a), it shall promptly invite the applicant, at the applicant's option:

(i) to complete the purported international application by furnishing the missing part; or

(ii) to confirm, in accordance with Rule 20.6(a), that the part was incorporated by reference under Rule 4.18;

and to make observations, if any, within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7. If that time limit expires after the expiration of 12 months from the filing date of any application whose priority is claimed, the receiving Office shall call that circumstance to the attention of the applicant.

(b) Where, following an invitation under paragraph (a) or otherwise, the applicant furnishes to the receiving Office, on or before the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled but within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7, a missing part referred to in paragraph (a) so as to complete the purported international application, that part shall be included in the application, and the receiving Office shall accord as the international filing date the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled and proceed as provided in Rule 20.2(b) and (c).

(c) to (e) [*No change*]

20.5*bis* *Erroneously Filed Elements and Parts*

(a) Where, in determining whether the papers purporting to be an international application fulfill the requirements of Article 11(1), the receiving Office finds that an entire element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) has or appears to have been erroneously filed, or that a part of the description, claims or drawings has or appears to have been erroneously filed, including the case where all drawings have or appear to have been erroneously filed ("erroneously filed element or part"), it shall promptly invite the applicant, at the applicant's option:

(i) to correct the purported international application by furnishing the correct element or part; or

(ii) to confirm, in accordance with Rule 20.6(a), that the correct element or part was incorporated by reference under Rule 4.18;

and to make observations, if any, within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7. If that time limit expires after the expiration of 12 months from the filing date of any application whose priority is claimed, the receiving Office shall call that circumstance to the attention of the applicant.

(b) Where, following an invitation under paragraph (a) or otherwise, the applicant furnishes to the receiving Office, on or before the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled but within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7, a correct element or part so as to correct the purported international application, that correct element or part shall be included in the application, the erroneously filed element or part concerned shall be removed from the application and the receiving Office shall accord as the international filing date the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled and proceed as provided in Rule 20.2(b) and (c) and as provided for in the Administrative Instructions.

(c) Where, following an invitation under paragraph (a) or otherwise, the applicant furnishes to the receiving Office, after the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) were fulfilled but within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7, a correct element or part so as to correct the international application, that correct element or part shall be included in the application, the erroneously filed element or part concerned shall be removed from the application, and the receiving Office shall correct the international filing date to the date on which the receiving Office received that correct element or part, notify the applicant accordingly and proceed as provided for in the Administrative Instructions.

(d) Where, following an invitation under paragraph (a) or otherwise, a correct element or part is, under Rule 20.6(b), considered to have been contained in the purported international application on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, the erroneously filed element or part concerned shall remain in the application, and the receiving Office shall accord as the international filing date the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled and proceed as provided in Rule 20.2(b) and (c) and as provided for in the Administrative Instructions.

(e) Where the international filing date has been corrected under paragraph (c), the applicant may, in a notice submitted to the receiving Office within one month from the date of the notification under paragraph (c), request that the correct element or part be disregarded, in which case the correct element or part shall be considered not to have been furnished, the erroneously filed element or part concerned shall be considered not to have been removed from the application and the correction of the international filing date under paragraph (c) shall be considered not to have been made, and the receiving Office shall proceed as provided for in the Administrative Instructions.

20.6 *Confirmation of Incorporation by Reference of Elements and Parts*

(a) and (b) [*No change*]

(c) Where the receiving Office finds that a requirement under Rule 4.18 or paragraph (a) has not been complied with or that the element or part referred to in paragraph (a) is not completely contained in the earlier application concerned, the receiving Office shall proceed as provided for in Rule 20.3(b)(i), 20.5(b), 20.5(c), 20.5*bis*(b) or 20.5*bis*(c), as the case may be.

20.7 *Time Limit*

(a) The applicable time limit referred to in Rules 20.3(a) and (b), 20.4, 20.5(a), (b) and (c), 20.5*bis*(a), (b) and (c), and 20.6(a) shall be:

(i) where an invitation under Rule 20.3(a), 20.5(a) or 20.5*bis*(a), as applicable, was sent to the applicant, two months from the date of the invitation;

(ii) where no such invitation was sent to the applicant, two months from the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office.

(b) [*No change*]

20.8 *Incompatibility with National Laws*

(a) [*No change*]

(a-*bis*) If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply to an international application filed with that receiving Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.

(a-*ter*) Where an element or a part cannot be incorporated by reference in the international application under Rules 4.18 and 20.6 because of the operation of paragraph (a) or paragraph (a-*bis*) of this Rule, the receiving Office shall proceed as provided for in Rule 20.3(b)(i), 20.5(b), 20.5(c), 20.5*bis*(b) or 20.5*bis*(c), as the case may be. Where the receiving Office proceeds as provided for in Rule 20.5(c) or 20.5*bis*(c), the applicant may proceed as provided for in Rule 20.5(e) or 20.5*bis*(e), as the case may be.

(b) [*No change*]

(b-*bis*) If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply in respect of that Office in relation to an international application in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22 have been performed before that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.

(c) Where an element or part is considered to have been incorporated by reference in the international application by virtue of a finding of the receiving Office under Rule 20.6(b), but that incorporation by reference does not apply to the international application for the purposes of the procedure before a designated Office because of the operation of paragraph (b) or paragraph (b-*bis*) of this Rule, the designated Office may treat the application as if the international filing date had been accorded under Rule 20.3(b)(i), 20.5(b) or 20.5*bis*(b), or corrected under Rule 20.5(c) or 20.5*bis*(c), as the case may be, provided that Rule 82*ter*.1(c) and (d) shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

Rule 26*quater*
Correction or Addition of Indications under Rule 4.11

26*quater*.1 *Correction or Addition of Indications*

The applicant may correct or add to the request any indication referred to in Rule 4.11 by a notice submitted to the International Bureau within a time limit of 16 months from the priority date, provided that any notice which is received by the International Bureau after the expiration of that time limit shall be considered to have been received on the last day of that time limit if the notice reaches the International Bureau before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed.

26*quater*.2 *Late Correction or Addition of Indications*

Where any correction or addition of an indication referred to in Rule 4.11 is not timely received under Rule 26*quater*.1, the International Bureau shall notify the applicant accordingly and shall proceed as provided for in the Administrative Instructions.

Rule 40*bis*
Additional Fees in Case of Missing Parts or Correct Elements and Parts Included in the International Application or Considered to Have Been Contained in the International Application

40*bis*.1 *Invitation to Pay Additional Fees*

The International Searching Authority may invite the applicant to pay additional fees where the fact that a missing part or a correct element or part:

(i) is included in the international application under Rule 20.5(c) or Rule 20.5*bis*(c), respectively; or

(ii) is considered, under Rule 20.5(d) or Rule 20.5*bis*(d), respectively, to have been contained in the international application on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office;

is notified to that Authority only after it has begun to draw up the international search report. The invitation shall invite the applicant to pay the additional fees within one month from the date of the invitation and indicate the amount of those fees to be paid. The amount of the additional fees shall be determined by the International Searching Authority but shall not exceed the search fee; the additional fees shall be payable directly to that Authority. Provided any such additional fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit, the International Searching Authority shall establish the international search report on the international application including any such missing part or any such correct element or part.

Rule 48
International Publication

48.1 [*No change*]

48.2 *Contents*

(a) [*No change*]

(b) Subject to paragraph (c), the front page shall include:

(i) to (iv) [*No change*]

(v) where the international filing date has been accorded by the receiving Office under Rule 20.3(b)(ii), 20.5(d) or 20.5*bis*(d) on the basis of the incorporation by reference under Rules 4.18 and 20.6 of an element or part, an indication to that effect, together with an indication as to whether the applicant, for the purposes of Rule 20.6(a)(ii), relied on compliance with Rule 17.1(a), (b) or (b-*bis*) in relation to the priority document or on a separately submitted copy of the earlier application concerned;

(vi) [*No change*]

(vii) where applicable, an indication that the published international application contains information concerning a request under Rule 26*bis*.3 for restoration of the right of priority and the decision of the receiving Office upon such request;

(viii) where applicable, an indication that an erroneously filed element or part has been removed from the international application in accordance with Rule 20.5*bis*(b) or (c).

(c) to (n) [*No change*]

48.3 to 48.6 [*No change*]

Rule 51*bis*
Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27

51*bis*.1 *Certain National Requirements Allowed*

(a) Subject to Rule 51*bis*.2, the national law applicable by the designated Office may, in accordance with Article 27, require the applicant to furnish, in particular:

(i) to (vi) [*No change*]

(vii) any missing indication required under Rule 4.5(a)(ii) and (iii) in respect of any applicant for the designated State;

(viii) in the cases referred to in Rule 82*ter*.1, a translation of any erroneously filed element or part removed from the international application in accordance with Rule 20.5*bis*(b) or (c).

(b) to (d) [*No change*]

(e) The national law applicable by the designated Office may, in accordance with Article 27, require the applicant to furnish a translation of the priority document, provided that such a translation may only be required:

(i) [*No change*]

(ii) where the international filing date has been accorded by the receiving Office under Rule 20.3(b)(ii), 20.5(d) or 20.5*bis*(d) on the basis of the incorporation by reference under Rules 4.18 and 20.6 of an element or part, for the purposes of determining under Rule 82*ter*.1(b) whether that element or part is completely contained in the priority document concerned, in which case the national law applicable by the designated Office may also require the applicant to furnish, in the case of a part of the description, claims or drawings, an indication as to where that part is contained in the translation of the priority document.

51*bis*.2 and 51*bis*.3 [*No change*]

Rule 55
Languages (International Preliminary Examination)

55.1 [*No change*]

55.2 *Translation of International Application*

(a) [*No change*]

(a-*bis*) A translation of the international application into a language referred to in paragraph (a) shall include any element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) furnished by the applicant under Rule 20.3(b), 20.5*bis*(b), 20.5*bis*(c) or 20.6(a) and any part of the description, claims or drawings furnished by the applicant under Rule 20.5(b), 20.5(c), 20.5*bis*(b), 20.5*bis*(c) or 20.6(a) which is considered to have been contained in the international application under Rule 20.6(b).

(a-*ter*) to (d) [*No change*]

55.3 [*No change*]

Rule 57
The Handling Fee

57.1 [*No change*]

57.2 *Amount; Transfer*

(a) and (b) [*No change*]

(c) Where the prescribed currency is the Swiss franc, the Authority shall transfer the said fee to the International Bureau in Swiss francs in accordance with Rule 96.2.

(d) Where the prescribed currency is a currency other than the Swiss franc and that currency:

(i) is freely convertible into Swiss francs, the Director General shall establish, for each Authority which prescribes such a currency for the payment of the handling fee, an equivalent amount of that fee in the prescribed currency according to directives given by the Assembly, and the amount in that currency shall be transferred by the Authority to the International Bureau in accordance with Rule 96.2;

(ii) is not freely convertible into Swiss francs, the Authority shall be responsible for the conversion of the handling fee from the prescribed currency into Swiss francs and shall transfer that fee in Swiss francs, in the amount set out in the Schedule of Fees, to the International Bureau in accordance with Rule 96.2. Alternatively, if the Authority so wishes, it may convert the handling fee from the prescribed currency into euros or US dollars and transfer the equivalent amount of that fee in euros or US dollars, as established by the Director General according to directives given by the Assembly as referred to in item (i), to the International Bureau in accordance with Rule 96.2.

57.3 and 57.4 [*No change*]

Rule 71
Transmittal of the
International Preliminary Examination Report
and Related Documents

71.1 *Recipients*

(a) The International Preliminary Examining Authority shall, on the same day, transmit one copy of the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, to the International Bureau, and one copy to the applicant.

(b) The International Preliminary Examining Authority shall transmit copies of other documents from the file of the international preliminary examination to the International Bureau in accordance with the Administrative Instructions.

71.2 [*No change*]

Rule 82*ter*
Rectification of Errors Made by the Receiving Office or by the International Bureau

82*ter*.1 *Errors Concerning the International Filing Date and the Priority Claim*

(a) [*No change*]

(b) Where the international filing date has been accorded by the receiving Office under Rule 20.3(b)(ii), 20.5(d) or 20.5*bis*(d) on the basis of the incorporation by reference under Rules 4.18 and 20.6 of an element or part but the designated or elected Office finds that:

(i) the applicant has not complied with Rule 17.1(a), (b) or (b-*bis*) in relation to the priority document;

(ii) a requirement under Rule 4.18, 20.6(a)(i) or 51*bis*.1(e)(ii) has not been complied with; or

(iii) the element or part is not completely contained in the priority document concerned;

the designated or elected Office may, subject to paragraph (c), treat the international application as if the international filing date had been accorded under Rule 20.3(b)(i), 20.5(b) or 20.5*bis*(b), or corrected under Rule 20.5(c) or 20.5*bis*(c), as applicable, provided that Rule 17.1(c) shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

(c) The designated or elected Office shall not treat the international application under paragraph (b) as if the international filing date had been accorded under Rule 20.3(b)(i), 20.5(b) or 20.5*bis*(b), or corrected under Rule 20.5(c) or 20.5*bis*(c), without giving the applicant the opportunity to make observations on the intended treatment, or to make a request under paragraph (d), within a time limit which shall be reasonable under the circumstances.

(d) Where the designated or elected Office, in accordance with paragraph (c), has notified the applicant that it intends to treat the international application as if the international filing date had been corrected under Rule 20.5(c) or 20.5*bis*(c), the applicant may, in a notice submitted to that Office within the time limit referred to in paragraph (c), request that the missing part concerned, or the correct element or part concerned, be disregarded for the purposes of national processing before that Office, in which case that missing part, or that correct element or part, shall be considered not to have been furnished and that Office shall not treat the international application as if the international filing date had been corrected.

Rule 82*quater*
Excuse of Delay in Meeting Time Limits

82*quater*.1 [*No change*]

82*quater*.2 *Unavailability of Electronic Means of Communication at the Office*

(a) Any national Office or intergovernmental organization may provide that, where a time limit fixed in the Regulations for performing an action before that Office or organization is not met due to the unavailability of any of the permitted electronic means of communication at that Office or organization, delay in meeting that time limit shall be excused, provided that the respective action was performed on the next working day on which the said electronic means of communication were available. The Office or organization concerned shall publish information on any such unavailability including the period of the unavailability, and notify the International Bureau accordingly.

(b) The excuse of a delay in meeting a time limit under paragraph (a) need not be taken into account by any designated or elected Office before which the applicant, at the time the information referred to in paragraph (a) is published, has already performed the acts referred to in Article 22 or Article 39.

Rule 94
Access to Files

94.1 *Access to the File Held by the International Bureau*

(a) and (b) [*No change*]

(c) The International Bureau shall, if so requested by an elected Office, but not before the international preliminary examination report has been established, furnish on behalf of that Office copies under paragraph (b) of any document transmitted to it under Rule 71.1(a) or (b) by the International Preliminary Examining Authority. The International Bureau shall promptly publish details of any such request in the Gazette.

(d) to (g) [*No change*]

94.1*bis* to 94.3 [*No change*]

Rule 96
The Schedule of Fees; Receipt and Transfer of Fees

96.1 [*No change*]

96.2 *Notification of Receipt of Fees; Transfer of Fees*

(a) For the purposes of this Rule, “Office” shall mean the receiving Office (including the International Bureau acting as receiving Office), the International Searching Authority, an Authority specified for supplementary international search, the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the International Bureau.

(b) Where, in accordance with these Regulations or the Administrative Instructions, a fee is collected by one Office ("collecting Office") for the benefit of another Office ("beneficiary Office"), the collecting Office shall promptly notify the receipt of each such fee in accordance with the Administrative Instructions. Upon receipt of the notification, the beneficiary Office shall proceed as if it had received the fee on the date on which the fee was received by the collecting Office.

(c) The collecting Office shall transfer any fees collected for the benefit of a beneficiary Office to that Office in accordance with the Administrative Instructions.

Revised Lists of States Meeting the Criteria referred to in Items 5(a) and 5(b) of the PCT Schedule of Fees

Having reviewed the criteria set out in item 5 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, the Assembly decided that those criteria be maintained and that they be reviewed again by the Assembly in five years' time, as required by that Schedule.

The revised lists of States meeting those criteria, with effect since 1 January 2020, are as follows:

(1) For the purpose of item 5(a) of the PCT Schedule of Fees:

(i) States that are PCT Contracting States:

Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Eswatini, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

(ii) States that are not PCT Contracting States:

Afghanistan, Argentina, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Burundi, Cabo Verde, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Micronesia (Federated States of), Guyana, Haiti, Iraq, Jamaica, Kiribati, Lebanon, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, Pakistan, Palau, Paraguay, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Sudan, Suriname, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen.

(2) For the purpose of item 5(b) of the PCT Schedule of Fees:

(i) States that are PCT Contracting States:

Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Djibouti, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Togo, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia.

(ii) States that are not PCT Contracting States:

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Haiti, Kiribati, Myanmar, Nepal, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Sudan, Timor-Leste, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Yemen.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office and applicable from 1 April 2020, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14)	EUR	135
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b))	EUR	105
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d))	EUR	665

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SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its telephone number, which is now as follows:

Telephone: (966-11) 280 59 98

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BR Brazil

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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2020, are CHF 375 and USD 376, respectively, when filing online, and CHF 562 and USD 564, respectively, when filing on paper.

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Pounds sterling (GBP)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2020, is GBP 1,479.

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MA Morocco

The **Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of the discontinuation of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), with effect since 1 October 2017.

The Office further notified that, since 1 January 2018, the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) is no longer required.

[Updating of Annex C(MA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office notified changes to the conditions of eligibility for reduction of the national fee, payable to OMPIC in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office – since 2 September 2019, public establishments, foundations, research centers and associations with a research and development mission, whether foreign or national, have been entitled to pay the reduced amount of the national fee.

Very small enterprises, small or medium enterprises (in accordance with the criteria of the SME charter), natural persons, self-entrepreneurs, craftsmen, universities and educational establishments, whether foreign or national, continue to be eligible for reductions of the national fee.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

The **Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the national fee, in **South African rand (ZAR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. As from 1 April 2020, the following amounts are payable by all applicants:

National fee:

Filing fee	ZAR	590
First annual fee[1]	ZAR	130

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its special requirement, under PCT Rule 51*bis*, concerning the address for service.

Applicants must still have an address for service of notices and other communications; however, since 5 April 2018, this address may be in either New Zealand or Australia.

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[1] Due within three years from the international filing date.

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GB United Kingdom

The **Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its address for filings by hand, which is now as follows:

Address (filings by hand):

3rd Floor
10 Victoria Street
London SW1H 0NB
United Kingdom

[Updating of Annex B1(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

GB United Kingdom

The **Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the address from which to obtain a list of registered patent attorneys, as follows:

The Registrar
c/o The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys
2nd Floor Halton House
20-23 Holborn
London EC1N 2JD
United Kingdom

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ERRONEOUSLY FILED ELEMENTS AND PARTS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(A-*BIS*)

During its fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 20.5*bis*[1] of the PCT Regulations concerning erroneously filed elements and parts of international applications, as well as new Rule 20.8(a-*bis*), concerning incompatibility of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii)[2] and 20.5*bis*(d)[3] with the national law applied by receiving Offices. These new rules will enter into force on 1 July 2020.

New Rule 20.8(a-*bis*) states: "If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, the rules concerned shall not apply to an international application filed with that receiving Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette."

CZ Czechia

In accordance with new PCT Rule 20.8(a-*bis*), which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, the **Industrial Property Office (Czechia)** has notified the International Bureau that new PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and 20.5*bis*(d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as receiving Office.

1 The complete text of Rule 20.5*bis* is reproduced in Annex III of document number PCT/A/51/2, which is available online at: https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/pct_a_51/pct_a_51_2.pdf

2 New Rule 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) states: "Where, in determining whether the papers purporting to be an international application fulfil the requirements of Article 11(1), the receiving Office finds that an entire element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) has or appears to have been erroneously filed, or that a part of the description, claims or drawings has or appears to have been erroneously filed, including the case where all drawings have or appear to have been erroneously filed ("erroneously filed element or part"), it shall promptly invite the applicant, at the applicant's option to confirm, in accordance with Rule 20.6(a), that the correct element or part was incorporated by reference under Rule 4.18 and to make observations, if any, within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7. If that time limit expires after the expiration of 12 months from the filing date of any application whose priority is claimed, the receiving Office shall call that circumstance to the attention of the applicant."

3 New Rule 20.5*bis*(d) states: "Where, following an invitation under paragraph (a) or otherwise, a correct element or part is, under Rule 20.6(b), considered to have been contained in the purported international application on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, the erroneously filed element or part concerned shall remain in the application, and the receiving Office shall accord as the international filing date the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled and proceed as provided in Rule 20.2(b) and (c) and as provided for in the Administrative Instructions."

ERRONEOUSLY FILED ELEMENTS AND PARTS: NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(B-*BIS*)

During its fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 20.5*bis*[4] of the PCT Regulations concerning erroneously filed elements and parts of international applications, as well as new Rule 20.8(b-*bis*), concerning incompatibility of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii)[5] and 20.5*bis*(d)[6] with the national law applied by designated Offices. These new rules will enter into force on 1 July 2020.

New Rule 20.8(b-*bis*) states: "If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, the rules concerned shall not apply in respect of that Office in relation to an international application in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22 have been performed before that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette."

CZ Czechia

In accordance with new PCT Rule 20.8(b-*bis*), which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, the **Industrial Property Office (Czechia)** has notified the International Bureau that new PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and 20.5*bis*(d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as designated Office.

4 See footnote 1.
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SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has notified the International Bureau that its telephone numbers are as follows:

Telephone:	(966-11) 280 59 98 (966-11) 280 59 76

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IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2020, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	ISK 17,800
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ISK 4,800
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	ISK 42,500

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Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 May 2020, are as follows:

National fee:

Application fee[1]	ISK 66,100
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10[2]	ISK 4,300
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation[3]	ISK 17,800
Total annual fees for the first three years[4]	ISK 33,900

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its special requirements under Rule 51*bis,* concerning the address for service and verification of the translation. These changes, applicable since 25 September 2019, are as follows:

– Applicants must still have an address for service of notices and other communications; however, this address may be in either Australia or New Zealand (but no representation by an agent is required).

– Verification of translations will only be required to be furnished to the Office if the Commissioner specifically requires the applicant to do so.

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1 Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

2 If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

3 Where the basic national fee has been paid within the applicable time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the prescribed translation may be filed within a further period of two months, provided that it is accompanied by the additional fee.

4 These fees are payable within two months after performing the acts for entering the national phase. Payment can still be made, together with a 20% surcharge for late payment, before the expiration of the sixth month after the month containing the anniversary of the international filing date.

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BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(55-21) 3037 36 86 (55-21) 3037 37 42

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IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change to the telephone numbers of its New Delhi office, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(91-11) 25 30 02 00 (91-11) 25 30 03 35 (PCT Section)

[Updating of Annex B1(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES: NOTIFICATIONS FROM OFFICES CONCERNING EXCEPTIONAL NON-WORKING DAYS DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Due to circumstances relating the COVID-19 pandemic, the International Bureau has been notified that a number of PCT Offices are closed to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application is required to reach the Office falls on a day on which such Office is not open to the public for the aforementioned purposes, that period is extended so as to expire **on the next subsequent day on which the respective Office reopens to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business**.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to an Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to closures relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning Offices' closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by each respective Office, is available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

The International Bureau has been notified that the following Offices are or were not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business, under PCT Rule 80.5(i), due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, as follows:

Office Code and Name		Closed Dates Notified
CO	Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)	16 to 31 March 2020
IN	Indian Patent Office	25 March to 14 April 2020
MD	State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)	30 March to 3 April 2020
PA	Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)	17 March 2020 until further notice
ZA	Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)	27 March to 30 April 2020

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2020, are EUR 304 when filing online and EUR 455 when filing on paper.

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IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of one of the components of the filing fee, in **Indian rupees (INR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 16 May 2016, are as follows:

	Natural person and/or start-up	*Small entity, alone or with natural person(s) and/or start-up*	*Others, alone or with natural person(s) and/or start-up and/or small entity*
Filing fee:[1]			
– For each page of sequence listing of nucleotides and/or amino acid sequences:			
– electronic filing	INR 160[2]	INR 400[2]	INR 800[3]
– paper filing	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[1] Must be furnished or 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.

[2] Subject to a maximum of INR 24,000.

[3] Subject to a maximum of INR 120,000.

ERRONEOUSLY FILED ELEMENTS AND PARTS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(A-*BIS*)

During its fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 20.5*bis*[4] of the PCT Regulations concerning erroneously filed elements and parts of international applications, as well as new Rule 20.8(a-*bis*), concerning incompatibility of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii)[5] and 20.5*bis*(d)[6] with the national law applied by receiving Offices. These new rules will enter into force on 1 July 2020.

New Rule 20.8(a-*bis*) states: "If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, the rules concerned shall not apply to an international application filed with that receiving Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette."

CL Chile

In accordance with new PCT Rule 20.8(a-*bis*), which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** has notified the International Bureau that new PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and 20.5*bis*(d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as receiving Office.

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4 The complete text of Rule 20.5*bis* is reproduced in Annex III of document number PCT/A/51/2, which is available online at: https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/pct_a_51/pct_a_51_2.pdf

5 New Rule 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) states: "Where, in determining whether the papers purporting to be an international application fulfil the requirements of Article 11(1), the receiving Office finds that an entire element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) has or appears to have been erroneously filed, or that a part of the description, claims or drawings has or appears to have been erroneously filed, including the case where all drawings have or appear to have been erroneously filed ("erroneously filed element or part"), it shall promptly invite the applicant, at the applicant's option to confirm, in accordance with Rule 20.6(a), that the correct element or part was incorporated by reference under Rule 4.18 and to make observations, if any, within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7. If that time limit expires after the expiration of 12 months from the filing date of any application whose priority is claimed, the receiving Office shall call that circumstance to the attention of the applicant."

6 New Rule 20.5*bis*(d) states: "Where, following an invitation under paragraph (a) or otherwise, a correct element or part is, under Rule 20.6(b), considered to have been contained in the purported international application on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, the erroneously filed element or part concerned shall remain in the application, and the receiving Office shall accord as the international filing date the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled and proceed as provided in Rule 20.2(b) and (c) and as provided for in the Administrative Instructions."

ERRONEOUSLY FILED ELEMENTS AND PARTS: NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(B-*BIS*)

During its fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 20.5*bis*[7] of the PCT Regulations concerning erroneously filed elements and parts of international applications, as well as new Rule 20.8(b-*bis*), concerning incompatibility of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii)[8] and 20.5*bis*(d)[9] with the national law applied by designated Offices. These new rules will enter into force on 1 July 2020.

New Rule 20.8(b-*bis*) states: "If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, the rules concerned shall not apply in respect of that Office in relation to an international application in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22 have been performed before that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette."

CL Chile

In accordance with new PCT Rule 20.8(b-*bis*), which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** has notified the International Bureau that new PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and 20.5*bis*(d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as designated Office.

7 See footnote 4.
8 See footnote 5.
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DK Denmark

On 9 March 2020, the **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** provided additional information, in its capacity as competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Denmark, in the event of national security considerations.

International applications for inventions that relate to war material or processes for the manufacture of war material and are owned by a person or enterprise residing in Denmark, or by a Danish institution, must be filed through the Danish Patent and Trademark Office and may only be granted patent protection, as “secret patents”, with authorization from the (Danish) Minister of Defence, in accordance with sections 2 and 2a of the Consolidate Secret Patents Act and section 70 of the (Danish) Patents Act.

[Updating of Annex B1(DK) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office provided additional guidance concerning representation before the Office.

In accordance with section 12 of the (Danish) Patents Act, the Danish Patent and Trademark Office may invite the applicant to appoint an agent residing in the European Economic Area (EEA) to represent him in all matters relating to the application.

[Updating of Annex C(DK) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

ERRONEOUSLY FILED ELEMENTS AND PARTS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(A-*BIS*)

During its fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 20.5*bis*[1] of the PCT Regulations concerning erroneously filed elements and parts of international applications, as well as new Rule 20.8(a-*bis*), concerning incompatibility of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii)[2] and 20.5*bis*(d)[3] with the national law applied by receiving Offices. These new rules will enter into force on 1 July 2020.

New Rule 20.8(a-*bis*) states: "If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, the rules concerned shall not apply to an international application filed with that receiving Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette."

DE Germany

In accordance with new PCT Rule 20.8(a-*bis*), which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, the **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified the International Bureau that new PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and 20.5*bis*(d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as receiving Office.

FR France

In accordance with new PCT Rule 20.8(a-*bis*), which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France)** has notified the International Bureau that new PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and 20.5*bis*(d) cannot be considered to be compatible with the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as receiving Office.

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1 The complete text of Rule 20.5*bis* is reproduced in Annex III of document number PCT/A/51/2, which is available online at: https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/pct_a_51/pct_a_51_2.pdf

2 New Rule 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) states: "Where, in determining whether the papers purporting to be an international application fulfil the requirements of Article 11(1), the receiving Office finds that an entire element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) has or appears to have been erroneously filed, or that a part of the description, claims or drawings has or appears to have been erroneously filed, including the case where all drawings have or appear to have been erroneously filed ("erroneously filed element or part"), it shall promptly invite the applicant, at the applicant's option to confirm, in accordance with Rule 20.6(a), that the correct element or part was incorporated by reference under Rule 4.18 and to make observations, if any, within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7. If that time limit expires after the expiration of 12 months from the filing date of any application whose priority is claimed, the receiving Office shall call that circumstance to the attention of the applicant."

3 New Rule 20.5*bis*(d) states: "Where, following an invitation under paragraph (a) or otherwise, a correct element or part is, under Rule 20.6(b), considered to have been contained in the purported international application on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, the erroneously filed element or part concerned shall remain in the application, and the receiving Office shall accord as the international filing date the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled and proceed as provided in Rule 20.2(b) and (c) and as provided for in the Administrative Instructions."

ERRONEOUSLY FILED ELEMENTS AND PARTS: NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(B-*BIS*)

During its fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 20.5*bis*[4] of the PCT Regulations concerning erroneously filed elements and parts of international applications, as well as new Rule 20.8(b-*bis*), concerning incompatibility of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii)[5] and 20.5*bis*(d)[6] with the national law applied by designated Offices. These new rules will enter into force on 1 July 2020.

New Rule 20.8(b-*bis*) states: "If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, the rules concerned shall not apply in respect of that Office in relation to an international application in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22 have been performed before that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette."

CN China

In accordance with new PCT Rule 20.8(b-*bis*), which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau that new PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and 20.5*bis*(d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as designated Office.

DE Germany

In accordance with new PCT Rule 20.8(b-*bis*), which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, the **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified the International Bureau that new PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and 20.5*bis*(d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as designated Office.

4 Refer to footnote 1.
5 Refer to footnote 2.
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NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU:
INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT AND RECOMMENDED PRACTICE

Pursuant to PCT Rule 82*quater*.1, where any interested party offers evidence that a time limit fixed in the Regulations under the PCT ("the Regulations") for performing an action before an Office, Authority or the International Bureau was not met due to war, revolution, civil disorder, strike, natural calamity, general unavailability of electronic communications services or other like reason, and that the relevant action was taken as soon as reasonably possible, the delay in meeting the relevant time limit may[1] be excused.

In the view of the International Bureau, the current global COVID-19 pandemic should be considered to be a "natural calamity" or "other like reason" under PCT Rule 82*quater*.1(a).

Consequently, the International Bureau, including in its capacity as receiving Office, shall treat favorably any request, under PCT Rule 82*quater*.1(a), which cites reasons relating to the COVID-19 pandemic for the failure to meet a time limit fixed in the Regulations, and shall not require the interested party to provide evidence to it that the COVID-19 pandemic affected the locality in which the interested party resides, has a place of business, or is staying.

Furthermore, the receiving Office of the International Bureau shall delay until 31 May 2020 the issuance of notifications concerning an international application considered to be withdrawn (Form PCT/RO/117).

The International Bureau urges all PCT Offices and Authorities to adopt a similar interpretation and practice. Furthermore, the International Bureau recommends the following:

– for at least one month (with the possibility of further extension), notifications that an international application is considered to be withdrawn only be issued with respect to deadlines that had previously expired for at least two months; and

– receiving Offices waive the charging of late payment fees (under PCT Rule 16*bis*.2).

Please note the "Interpretative statement and Recommended Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Practice Changes in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic" of 9 April 2020, available at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/2020/news_0009.html

[1] To benefit from the relief provided for under Rule 82*quater*.1, the interested party would normally be required to address such evidence to the competent Office, Authority or the International Bureau, as the case may be, not later than six months after the expiration of the time limit applicable in the given case, in addition to having taken the relevant action as soon as reasonably possible. If such circumstances are proven to the satisfaction of the addressee, delay in meeting the time limit shall be excused.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: plpctteam@uprp.pl

[Updating of Annex B1(PL) 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 **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 June 2020, is CHF 1,242.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2020, are CHF 374 when filing online, and CHF 470 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

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 **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2020, is CHF 1,085.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **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 June 2020, are CHF 128 and EUR 120, or CHF 32 and EUR 30 in the case of filing by an individual.

[Updating of Annex D(IN) 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 **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2020, are CHF 353 for searches carried out in Korean and CHF 941 for searches carried out in English.

[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)** and **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 June 2020, are CHF 104 and EUR 97 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 489 and EUR 455 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 June 2020, are CHF 144 and CHF 231 (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*]

SG Singapore

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 **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2020, is CHF 1,509.

[Updating of Annex D(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, 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 Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 June 2020, is CHF 1,509.

[Updating of Annex SISA(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 number of paper copies of the international application required by it – two copies are now required, instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(PL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU:
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Due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the operations of the International Bureau and postal systems worldwide, the International Bureau, including in its capacity as PCT receiving Office, has suspended the transmittal of PCT-related documents **on paper**, with effect since 30 March 2020.

Consequently, the International Bureau will only transmit PCT-related documents electronically via e-mail, until further notice. It is to be noted that PCT-related documents concerning individual international applications are available via ePCT[1] or, after international publication, on PATENTSCOPE[2].

Furthermore, due to reduced postal services and scanning operations at the International Bureau, all PCT users are urged to communicate with the International Bureau exclusively via electronic means.

PCT users who have not yet provided the International Bureau with an email address in relation to their international application(s), are encouraged to provide such information as soon as possible by:

– populating the information directly in relation to pending international applications in ePCT for which they have the relevant access rights;

– using the PCT Contingency Upload service;[3]

– sending an email to one of the following addresses: pct.eservices@wipo.int or pct.infoline@wipo.int; or

– using the *WIPO Contact Us* page[4] for PCT customers.

For additional information, refer to the *PCT System newsfeed*, dated 30 March 2020, available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/2020/news_0008.html

1 Available at: https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT
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CU Cuba

Due to circumstances relating the COVID-19 pandemic, the **Cuban Industrial Property Office** has notified the International Bureau that it is closed to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 14 April 2020 until further notice.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on or after 14 April 2020, that period is **extended so as to expire on the next subsequent day on which the Office reopens to the public** for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to closures relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82q*uater*, respectively, and to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 April 2020 (page 68).

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount, in **South African rand (ZAR)**, has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2020, is ZAR 35,130.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)** 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 new amounts, applicable from 1 June 2020, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD	2,356
Fee per sheet in excess of 30	AUD	27
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format)	AUD	354
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format)	AUD	531
Handling fee	AUD	354

[Updating of Annexes C(AU) and E(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

New equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** 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 new amounts, applicable from 1 June 2020, are as follows:

International filing fee	CAD	1,961
Fee per sheet in excess of 30	CAD	22
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format)	CAD	295
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format)	CAD	442
Handling fee	CAD	295

[Updating of Annexes C(CA) and E(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2020, is ZAR 35,130.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

A new equivalent amount in **New Israeli shekels (ILS)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 June 2020, is ILS 743.

[Updating of Annex E(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (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 June 2020, are as follows:

International filing fee	ISK 195,100
Fee per sheet in excess of 30	ISK 2,200
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format)	ISK 29,300
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format)	ISK 44,000

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

A new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 June 2020, is KRW 255,000.

[Updating of Annex E(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (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 June 2020, are as follows:

International filing fee	NOK	15,300
Fee per sheet in excess of 30	NOK	170
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format)	NOK	2,300
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format)	NOK	3,450

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

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 **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2020, are USD 106 for searches carried out in Russian and USD 501 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

New equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** 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 new amounts, applicable from 1 June 2020, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SGD	1,974
Fee per sheet in excess of 30	SGD	22
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format)	SGD	297
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format)	SGD	445
Handling fee	SGD	297

[Updating of Annexes C(SG) and E(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

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 (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 June 2020, are as follows:

International filing fee	ZAR	24,090
Fee per sheet in excess of 30	ZAR	270
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format)	ZAR	3,620
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format)	ZAR	5,430

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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Agreement between the European Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[1] – Amendment to Annex D

On 17 April 2020, the **European Patent Office (EPO)** notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Articles 11(3)(iii) and 11(4)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Part I of Annex D thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, consists of a new "Additional fee" payable under new PCT Rule 40*bis* and applicable in conjunction with new PCT Rule 20.5*bis*, which will also enter into force on 1 July 2020.[2]

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))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rules 40.2(a) and 40*bis*[3])	1,775[4]
Supplementary search fees (Rule 45*bis*.3(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
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Part II. [No change]"

1 Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf

2 The complete text of new Rules 20.5*bis* and 40*bis* is reproduced in Annex III of document number PCT/A/51/2, which is available online at: https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/pct_a_51/pct_a_51_2.pdf

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).

4 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.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau that, pursuant to the adoption in Italy of Ministerial Decree 13/11/2019[5], PCT Article 45(2)[6] is no longer applicable to the designation or election of Italy, with respect to international applications filed **on or after 1 July 2020**.

Consequently, any designation or election of Italy in an international application filed on or after 1 July 2020 shall constitute an indication under PCT Rule 4.9(iii) that the international application is for the grant of a regional (European) patent and also a national patent in Italy.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES: NOTIFICATIONS FROM OFFICES CONCERNING EXCEPTIONAL NON-WORKING DAYS DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

MX Mexico

Due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau that it is closed to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 27 March to 30 May 2020.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period is **extended so as to expire on 1 June 2020, or on the next subsequent day on which the Office reopens to the public** for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to closures relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82q*uater*, respectively, and to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 April 2020 (page 68).

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

[5] Refer to *Gazzetta Ufficiale della Repubblica Italiana* (No. 283) of 3 December 2019.

[6] PCT Article 45 states: "The national law of the said designated or elected State may provide that any designation or election of such State in the international application shall have the effect of an indication of the wish to obtain a regional patent under the regional patent treaty."

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR), Korean won (KRW)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, 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 July 2020, are EUR 1,241, KRW 1,643,000, SGD 1,920 and USD 1,341, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has notified the International Bureau of the establishment of a new additional fee, under new PCT Rule 40*bis* and applicable in conjunction with new PCT Rule 20.5*bis*[7].

This new fee, which will be applicable from 1 July 2020, is EUR 1,775.

[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)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2020, are AUD 603 for searches carried out in Korean and AUD 1,607 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** and **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 July 2020, are NZD 3,496 and ZAR 38,860, respectively, for an entity other than a small or micro entity; NZD 1,748 and ZAR 19,430, respectively, for a small entity; and NZD 874 and ZAR 9,710, respectively, for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[7] The complete text of new Rules 20.5*bis* and 40*bis* is reproduced in Annex III of document number PCT/A/51/2, which is available online at: https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/pct_a_51/pct_a_51_2.pdf

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

IT Italy

Following the adoption in Italy of Ministerial Decree 13/11/2019 (refer to this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette), page 82), the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau that the time limits for entry into the national phase under PCT Articles 22(1) and 39(1)(a) are 30 months from the priority date (or where the international application does not contain any priority claim under PCT Article 8, the international filing date of such application).

Furthermore, the Office notified that, under PCT Articles 22(1) and 39(1)(a), for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020, a translation of the international application into Italian is required.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF ELEMENTS OR PARTS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF COMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS OF PCT RULES 20.3(a)(ii) AND (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) AND (d), AND 20.6

IT Italy

Further to its notification[8] of the incompatibility of the national law of Italy under PCT Rule 20.8(a) (refer to PCT Gazette No. 26/2006 of 26 June 2006, page 18992), the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that its national law is now compatible with PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 (concerning defects under PCT Article 11(1), missing parts, and incorporation by reference of elements of parts), which will be applicable with respect to international applications filed **on or after 1 July 2020**.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF ELEMENTS OR PARTS: NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF COMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS OF PCT RULES 20.3(a)(ii) AND (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) AND (d), AND 20.6

IT Italy

Following the adoption in Italy of Ministerial Decree 13/11/2019 (refer to this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette), page 82), the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that its national law is compatible with PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 (concerning defects under PCT Article 11(1), missing parts, and incorporation by reference of elements of parts), with respect to international applications filed **on or after 1 July 2020**.

[8] The current list of PCT reservations, declarations, notifications and incompatibilities is available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html

ERRONEOUSLY FILED ELEMENTS AND PARTS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(a-*bis*)

During its fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 20.5*bis*[9] of the PCT Regulations concerning erroneously filed elements and parts of international applications, as well as new Rule 20.8(a-*bis*), concerning incompatibility of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii)[10] and 20.5*bis*(d)[11] with the national law applied by receiving Offices. These new rules will enter into force on 1 July 2020.

New Rule 20.8(a-*bis*) states: "If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, the rules concerned shall not apply to an international application filed with that receiving Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette."

ES Spain

In accordance with new PCT Rule 20.8(a-*bis*), which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau that new PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and 20.5*bis*(d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as receiving Office.

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9 The complete text of Rule 20.5*bis* is reproduced in Annex III of document number PCT/A/51/2, which is available online at: https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/pct_a_51/pct_a_51_2.pdf

10 New Rule 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) states: "Where, in determining whether the papers purporting to be an international application fulfil the requirements of Article 11(1), the receiving Office finds that an entire element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) has or appears to have been erroneously filed, or that a part of the description, claims or drawings has or appears to have been erroneously filed, including the case where all drawings have or appear to have been erroneously filed ("erroneously filed element or part"), it shall promptly invite the applicant, at the applicant's option to confirm, in accordance with Rule 20.6(a), that the correct element or part was incorporated by reference under Rule 4.18 and to make observations, if any, within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7. If that time limit expires after the expiration of 12 months from the filing date of any application whose priority is claimed, the receiving Office shall call that circumstance to the attention of the applicant."

11 New Rule 20.5*bis*(d) states: "Where, following an invitation under paragraph (a) or otherwise, a correct element or part is, under Rule 20.6(b), considered to have been contained in the purported international application on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, the erroneously filed element or part concerned shall remain in the application, and the receiving Office shall accord as the international filing date the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled and proceed as provided in Rule 20.2(b) and (c) and as provided for in the Administrative Instructions."

ERRONEOUSLY FILED ELEMENTS AND PARTS: NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(b-*bis*)

During its fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 20.5*bis*[12] of the PCT Regulations concerning erroneously filed elements and parts of international applications, as well as new Rule 20.8(b-*bis*), concerning incompatibility of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii)[13] and 20.5*bis*(d)[14] with the national law applied by designated Offices. These new rules will enter into force on 1 July 2020.

New Rule 20.8(b-*bis*) states: "If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, the rules concerned shall not apply in respect of that Office in relation to an international application in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22 have been performed before that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette."

ES Spain

In accordance with new PCT Rule 20.8(b-*bis*), which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau that new PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and 20.5*bis*(d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as designated Office.

[12] Refer to footnote 8.
[13] Refer to footnote 9.
[14] Refer to footnote 10.

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF COMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS OF PCT RULE 26*bis*.3(a) TO (i)

IT Italy

Further to its notification[15] of the incompatibility of the national law of Italy under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(j) (refer to PCT Gazette No. 26/2006 of 26 June 2006, page 18994), the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that its national law is now compatible with PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(a) to (i) (concerning restoration of the right of priority by receiving Offices), which will be applicable with respect to international applications filed **on or after 1 July 2020**.

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EFFECT OF RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES: NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF COMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS OF PCT RULE 49*ter*.1(a) TO (d)

IT Italy

Following the adoption of in Italy of Ministerial Decree 13/11/2019 (refer to this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette), page 82), the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau that the national law applied by it as designated Office under the PCT is compatible with PCT Rule 49t*er*.1(a) to (d) (concerning the effect of restoration of right of priority by receiving Offices), with respect to international applications filed **on or after 1 July 2020**.

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY: NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF COMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS OF PCT RULE 49*ter*.2(a) TO (g)

IT Italy

Following the adoption in Italy of Ministerial Decree 13/11/2019 (refer to this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette), page 82), the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that its national law is compatible with PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(a) to (g) (concerning restoration of the right of priority by designated Offices), with respect to international applications filed **on or after 1 July 2020**.

[15] The current list of PCT reservations, declarations, notifications and incompatibilities is available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Sections 710(b) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 3 November 2016, pages 221 *et seq*.

In particular, as from 1 July 2020, the EPO, in its capacity as receiving Office, will no longer accept the filing of international applications in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software.

Consequently, as of 1 July 2020, the available means for filing international applications in electronic form with the EPO are: EPO Online Filing, EPO web-form filing service, EPO case management system (CMS), and ePCT-Filing.

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DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the International Bureau has been notified of a 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* with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, with effect since 1 January 2016, as follows:

Guangdong Microbial Culture Collection Center (GDMCC)
Guangdong Institute of Microbiology
No.59 Building, No.100 Xianliezhong Road
Guangzhou 510075
The People's Republic of China

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MD Moldova

Further to the notification regarding closure to the public of the **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)** due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 2 April 2020 (pages 58 and 59), the Office has notified the International Bureau that the aforementioned closure has been extended.

Therefore, for the period from 30 March to 30 April 2020, the Office was closed to the public for the transaction of official business on the following days:

– 30 March 2020 to 3 April 2020;

– 7 to 17 April 2020; and

– 21 to 30 April 2020.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period is **extended so as to expire on the next subsequent day on which the Office reopens to the public** for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to closures relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82q*uater*, respectively, and to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 April 2020 (page 68).

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

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BR Brazil – Corrigendum

The information published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 April 2020 (page 69) contained an error concerning the new equivalent amount, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, of the search fee when filing online for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**.

As from 1 June 2020, the new equivalent amounts of the search fee are CHF 314 when filing online and CHF 470 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2020, are USD 322 when filing online, and USD 483 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

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 **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2020, is USD 1,132.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **pounds sterling (GBP)**, **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** 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 July 2020, are GBP 1,560, ISK 276,000, and NOK 20,010, respectively.

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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 (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 2020, are as follows:

International filing fee	HUF	458,300
Fee per sheet in excess of 30	HUF	5,200
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format)	HUF	68,900
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format)	HUF	103,400

[Updating of Annex C(HU) 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 2020, are USD 131 and USD 33 (in the case of filing by an individual).

[Updating of Annex D(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (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 2020, are as follows:

International filing fee	NZD	2,288
Fee per sheet in excess of 30	NZD	26
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format)	NZD	344
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format)	NZD	516

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) 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 July 2020, are EUR 105 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 495 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** and **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2020, are ISK 276,000 and NOK 20,010, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** and **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2020, are ISK 276,000 and NOK 20,010, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF THE RIGHT OF PRIORITY: NOTIFICATIONS UNDER PCT RULES 26*bis*.3(i) AND 49*ter*.2(g)

IT Italy

Further to its notifications concerning restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3 and 49*ter*.2 (refer to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 30 April 2020, page 87), and pursuant to PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g), the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau that it will, in its capacity as receiving Office and designated (or elected) Office, apply both the "unintentional" and "due care" criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020.

In addition, the Office notified that there is no fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(d) and 49*ter*.2(d); however, such requests will be subject to a stamp duty (*imposta di bollo*) of EUR 15.

[Updating of Annex C(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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Due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the International Bureau has been notified that a number of PCT Offices are closed to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office falls on a day on which such Office is not open to the public for the aforementioned purposes, that period **shall expire on the next subsequent day on which the Office opens to the public** for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to an Office or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits due to closures relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively, and to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 April 2020 (page 68).

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

Further to the notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 2 April 2020 (pages 58 and 59), the International Bureau has been notified that the following Offices were also not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business, under PCT Rule 80.5(i), due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, as follows:

Office Code and Name		Closed Dates Notified
AG	Antigua and Barbuda Intellectual Property and Commerce Office (ABIPCO)	1 to 28 April 2020
RO	State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)	9 to 20 March 2020

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2020, is ZAR 26,420.

[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 **Hungarian forints (HUF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2020, is HUF 626,100.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (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 2020, are as follows:

International filing fee	NOK	14,420
Fee per sheet in excess of 30	NOK	160
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format)	NOK	2,170
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format)	NOK	3,250

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CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of an online service for general correspondence, as follows:

Online service
(general correspondence): https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cipointernet-internetopic.nsf/eng/wr01970.html

[Updating of Annex B1(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

SV El Salvador

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **National Center of Registries (CNR) (El Salvador)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 15 July 2020, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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: (503) 2593 5718
– by e-mail at: patentes@cnr.gob.sv

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 (www.cnr.gob.sv).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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.

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IN India

Further to the notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 2 April 2020 (pages 58 and 59), the **Indian Patent Office** notified the International Bureau, on 8 May 2020, that it was additionally closed from 15 to 19 April 2020, due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Therefore, in accordance with the aforementioned notifications, the Office was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 25 March to 19 April 2020.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell between 25 March to 19 April 2020 (inclusive), that period **shall expire on the next subsequent day on which the Office opens to the public** for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits due to closures relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively, and to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 April 2020 (page 68).

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

For further information on measures adopted by the Office in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to the WIPO COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker, available at:

https://www.wipo.int/covid19-policy-tracker/

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CA Canada

In accordance with Section 513(f) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of an additional means of transmittal of the sequence listing in electronic form accepted by it in its capacity as International Searching Authority.

In addition to a text file on a single diskette, CD-ROM, or DVD, sequence listings may now be submitted electronically, in <.txt> format, via the Office's general correspondence web service, available at:

https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cipointernet-internetopic.nsf/eng/wr01970.html

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AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)** 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 August 2020, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD	2,150
Fee per sheet in excess of 30	AUD	24
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format)	AUD	323
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format)	AUD	485
Handling fee	AUD	323

[Updating of Annexes C(AU) and E(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

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 **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2020, are USD 113 for searches carried out in Russian and USD 532 for searches carried out in English.

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **Korean won (KRW)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2020, are CHF 1,361 and KRW 1,757,000, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified the International Bureau that since 2 October 2019, the fee for the priority document on paper, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, is no longer applicable. The fee for the priority document online remains unchanged.

[Updating of Annex C(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2020, are AUD 564 for searches carried out in Korean and AUD 1,503 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified the International Bureau that since 2 October 2019, the priority document may only be requested online.[1]

Furthermore, the Office notified that since 19 November 2019, the international application and other PCT-related documents filed **on paper** are received only by mail. For information concerning filing on paper by mail, refer to the Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) Nº253 of 13 November 2019.[2]

[Updating of Annex C(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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1 Refer to *RPI – Revista da Propriedade Industrial* No. 2544 (8 October 2019), available at: http://revistas.inpi.gov.br/pdf/Comunicados2544.pdf

2 Refer to *RPI – Revista da Propriedade Industrial* No. 2550 (19 November 2019), available at: http://revistas.inpi.gov.br/pdf/Comunicados2550.pdf

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BR Brazil

Agreement between the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[1] – Amendment to Annex D

On 30 April 2020, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** 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 consist of a change to the reference contained in the footnote of Part I of Annex D, as well as the establishment of a new condition for the filing on paper of PCT-related documents (reflected in a new footnote introduced in Part I of Annex D).

With effect since 19 November 2019, the amended Annex D reads as follows:

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge[2]	**Amount (Brazilian reals)**	
	(online)	(on paper)[3]
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,685	2,525
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,360	2,040
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	630	945
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	365	545
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	amount as set out in Rule 58*bis*.2	
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	1,220	1,830
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rule 13*ter*.1(c) and 13*ter*.2)	180	270
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94*ter*.1 and 94.2), per page	1.5	2

Part II. [No change]

[Updating of Annexes D(BR) and E(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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1 Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_br.pdf

2 These fees are reduced by 60% under certain conditions (refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 251/19 of 2 October 2019).

3 International applications and PCT-related documents filed on paper are received only by mail (refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 253/19 of 13 November 2019).

SG Singapore

Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[4] – 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(i) thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, consists of the addition of the **Republic of Korea** to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex.

As from 1 July 2020, 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, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Thailand, 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, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Thailand, 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]

[4] Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_sg.pdf

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES: NOTIFICATIONS FROM OFFICES CONCERNING EXCEPTIONAL NON-WORKING DAYS DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Further to the notifications published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 2 April 2020 (page 59), 23 April 2020 (page 74), 30 April 2020 (page 82), 7 May 2020 (page 90), 14 May 2020 (page 96) and 28 May 2020 (page 103), the International Bureau has been notified that due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, a number of additional PCT Offices were closed to the public, or have extended previously notified closures to the public, for the purposes of the transaction of official business, as follows:

Office Code and Name		Closed Dates Notified
BZ	Belize Intellectual Property Office	3 April (midday) to 13 April 2020
MX	Mexican Institute of Industrial Property	27 March 2020 until further notice[5]
PH	Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines	15 March to 25 May 2020

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application is (was) required to reach an Office falls (fell) on a day on which such Office is (was) not open to the public for the aforementioned purposes, that period **shall expire on the next subsequent day on which the Office opens to the public** for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to an Office or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits due to closures relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively, and to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 April 2020 (page 68).

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by Offices, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

For further information on measures adopted by Offices in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to the WIPO COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker, available at:

https://www.wipo.int/covid19-policy-tracker/

[5] Extended from 30 May 2020 (refer to Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 30 April 2020, page 82).

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SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), an equivalent amount in **Korean 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 July 2020, is KRW 1,955,000.

[Updating of Annex D(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore – in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office (JPO), and the Korean Intellectual Property Office – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the Korean Intellectual Property Office by nationals and residents of the Republic of Korea, with effect from 1 July 2020.

[Updating of Annex C(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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PA Panama

Further to the notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 2 April 2020 (page 59) concerning the closure of the **Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)** due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office has notified the International Bureau that it reopened to the public on 8 June 2020 for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

Consequently, as published in the aforementioned notification and in accordance with PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell between 17 March and 7 June 2020 (inclusive), that period **shall expire on the next subsequent day on which the Office opens to the public** for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits due to closures relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively, and to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 April 2020 (page 68).

Additional information concerning the Office's closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

For further information on measures adopted by the Office in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to the WIPO COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker, available at:

https://www.wipo.int/covid19-policy-tracker/

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GT Guatemala

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its location and mailing address, and its facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	7a. Avenida 7-61 zona 4 Segundo Nivel Guatemala Ciudad, CP 01004 Guatemala
Facsimile machine:	(502) 232 470 51 (502) 232 470 52

[Updating of Annex B1(GT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** 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 August 2020, are CHF 286 and EUR 271, respectively, when filing online; and CHF 429 and EUR 406, respectively, when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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 August 2020, are CHF 118 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 554 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 August 2020, are CHF 163 and CHF 261 (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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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with Offices, Authorities, and certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system, pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to Sections 111, 308*bis*, 309, 310, 310*bis*, 310*ter*, 311, 410, 413, and Annexes C, D and E of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as well as new Sections 114, 317*bis*, 419*bis*, 420*bis*, 602*bis* and new Annex G, were promulgated with effect from 1 July 2020.

The main purposes of these modifications are:

(i) to increase transparency and legal certainty of the procedure for the excuse of delay in the case of unavailability of electronic means of communication under new PCT Rule 82*quater*.2[1] (Section 111 and Annex E);

(ii) to establish details of the procedures to be followed by Offices collecting fees for the benefit of other Offices, or receiving fees collected by other Offices, and to create a consistent legal basis for the operation of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service (formerly the “netting pilot”) with the long term aim of exchanging high-quality and timely fee information in a consistent format (Section 114 and Annex G);

(iii) to provide guidance in order to align the practices of receiving Offices and designated (or elected) Offices in the special case where an applicant has erroneously filed an incorrect element or part of the international application (Sections 308*bis*, 309, 310, 310*bis*, 310*ter*, 311, 410 and 413, and Annexes C and D);

(iv) to provide a legal basis for treating the date of receipt of a notice under PCT Rule 26*quater*.1 at the receiving Office as the date of receipt at the International Bureau, and a legal basis for the correction or addition of the indications provided for in Rule 4.11 within a period that would ensure their inclusion in the international publication (Sections 317*bis* and 419*bis*); and

(v) to provide a legal basis for requiring an International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) to copy certain documents from the file of the international preliminary examination to the International Bureau while allowing some flexibility in the time for effecting such transmittal, and a legal basis for permitting the International Bureau to communicate the documents received from an IPEA to elected Offices (Sections 420*bis* and 602*bis*).

The full text of the Administrative Instructions as in force from 1 July 2020 (PCT/AI/21) is available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int//pct/en/texts/

TEXT OF MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS
(as in force from 1 July 2020)

PART 1
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO GENERAL MATTERS

Section 111
Procedure and Considerations in the Case of Excuse of the Delay in Meeting Certain Time Limits under Rule 82*quater*

(a) Where the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search, the International Preliminary Examining Authority, or the International Bureau receives a request under Rule 82*quater* for the excuse of a delay in meeting a time limit, it shall promptly:

(i) communicate its decision whether or not to excuse such a delay to the interested party; and

(ii) where applicable, transmit a copy of such a request, a copy of any evidence furnished and of its decision to the International Bureau.

(b) An interested party desiring to have delays excused due to general unavailability of electronic communications services under Rule 82*quater*.1 must establish that the outage of electronic communications services affected a widespread geographical area rather than being a localized problem, that it was unexpected or unforeseen, and that there was no alternative communication means available to him.

(c) Where any Office that acts as the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search, or the International Preliminary Examining Authority provides for the excuse of a delay in meeting time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at that Office under Rule 82*quater*.2, it shall notify the International Bureau accordingly. The International Bureau shall promptly publish this information in the Gazette.

(d) Where the International Bureau provides for the excuse of a delay in meeting time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at the Bureau under Rule 82*quater*.2, it shall publish this information in the Gazette.

(e) The International Bureau shall also promptly publish in the Gazette any notification received by it under Rule 82*quater*.2(a), last sentence.

Section 114
Notification and Transfer of Fees

The notification of the receipt of fees under Rule 96.2(b) and the transfer of fees under Rule 96.2(c) shall be carried out in accordance with Annex G.

PART 3
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE RECEIVING OFFICE

Section 308*bis*
Marking of Later Submitted Sheets

The receiving Office shall indelibly mark any sheet containing an element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e), or a part referred to in Rule 20.5(a) or an element or part referred to in Rule 20.5*bis*(a), received on a date later than the date on which sheets were first received ("later submitted sheet"), in the upper right-hand corner of each sheet, with the international application number referred to in Section 307 and the date of actual receipt of that sheet.

Section 309
Procedure in the Case of Later Submitted Sheets Furnished for the Purposes of Incorporation by Reference

(a) This Section applies, subject to paragraph (f), to later submitted sheets which accompany a notice confirming under Rule 20.6 that an element or part embodied in those sheets was incorporated by reference.

(b) Where later submitted sheets as referred to in paragraph (a) are received within the applicable time limit referred to in Rule 20.7 and the receiving Office makes a finding under Rule 20.6(b), the receiving Office shall:

(i) indelibly mark, in the middle of the bottom margin of each later submitted sheet, the words "INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (RULE 20.6)", or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application;

(ii) notify the applicant that the element or part contained in the later submitted sheets is considered to have been contained in the international application or purported international application on the date when sheets were first received and that that date has been accorded or retained, as the case may be, as the international filing date;

(iii) keep in its files a copy of the later submitted sheets marked under item (i) and of the notice under Rule 20.6(a);

(iv) where the later submitted sheets are furnished under Rule 20.5*bis* to correct any sheets that have been erroneously filed ("erroneously filed sheets"), indelibly mark, in the middle of the bottom margin of each erroneously filed sheet, the words "ERRONEOUSLY FILED (RULE 20.5*bis*)", or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application, and move the erroneously filed sheets to the end of the corresponding element of the purported international application;

(v) where transmittals under Article 12(1) have already been made, notify the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority accordingly, and transmit the later submitted sheets marked under item (i) and the notice under Rule 20.6(a) to the said Bureau and a copy thereof to the said Authority; and

(vi) where transmittals under Article 12(1) have not yet been made, attach the later submitted sheets marked under item (i) and the notice under Rule 20.6(a) to the record copy and a copy thereof to the search copy.

(c) Where later submitted sheets referred to in paragraph (a) are received within the applicable time limit referred to in Rule 20.7 and the receiving Office makes a finding under Rule 20.6(c), the receiving Office shall, subject to Section 310*bis*:

(i) effect the required correction of the international filing date or accord as the international filing date the date of receipt of the later submitted sheets;

(ii) notify the applicant that the content of the later submitted sheets is not considered to have been contained in the international application or purported international application on the date when sheets were first received and that the international filing date has been accorded as, or corrected to, as the case may be, the date on which the new sheets were received;

(iii) keep in its files a copy of the later submitted sheets and of the notice under Rule 20.6(a);

(iv) where the later submitted sheets are furnished under Rule 20.5*bis* to correct any erroneously filed sheets, remove the erroneously filed sheets from the international application and notify the applicant accordingly, and keep a copy of the removed sheets in the file;

(v) where transmittals under Article 12(1) have already been made, notify the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority accordingly and transmit a copy of the corrected first and last sheets of the request, the later submitted sheets and the notice under Rule 20.6(a) to the said Bureau and a copy thereof to the said Authority; and

(vi) where transmittals under Article 12(1) have not yet been made, attach the later submitted sheets and the notice under Rule 20.6(a) to the record copy and a copy thereof to the search copy.

(d) Where later submitted sheets referred to in paragraph (a) are received within the applicable time limit referred to in Rule 20.7 but the purported international application still does not fulfill the requirements of Article 11(1), the receiving Office shall proceed as provided in Rule 20.4, but not before the expiration of the time limit under Rule 20.7.

(e) Where later submitted sheets referred to in paragraph (a) are received after the expiration of the applicable time limit referred to in Rule 20.7, the receiving Office shall proceed as provided in Section 310*ter*.

(f) Where later submitted sheets referred to in paragraph (a) are received but a missing element or part contained in those sheets cannot be incorporated by reference in the international application under Rules 4.18 and 20.6 because of the operation of Rule 20.8(a), the receiving Office shall:

(i) inform the applicant that the notice under Rule 20.6(a) confirming the incorporation by reference of the missing element or part has been disregarded;

(ii) proceed in accordance with Section 310(b), which shall apply *mutatis mutandis*, as if the notice under Rule 20.6(a) were a correction furnished under Rule 20.3(b)(i), or a missing part furnished under Rule 20.5(b) or (c), as the case may be; and

(iii) proceed in accordance with Section 310*bis*(b) where the applicant requests, within the time limit under Rule 20.5(e), that the missing part concerned be disregarded.

(g) Where later submitted sheets referred to in paragraph (a) are furnished under Rule 20.5*bis* to correct any erroneously filed element or part but the correct element or part embodied in those sheets cannot be incorporated by reference in the international application under Rules 4.18 and 20.6 because of the operation of Rule 20.8(a-*bis*), the receiving Office shall:

(i) subject to subparagraph (ii), transmit the international application to the International Bureau as receiving Office;

(ii) if the applicant does not authorize the transmittal of the international application under Rule 19.4(a)(iii) or does not pay the required fee within the applicable time limit, proceed in accordance with Section 333(c) and apply the procedure provided in paragraph (f) *mutatis mutandis* as if the notice under Rule 20.6(a) were a correction furnished under Rule 20.5*bis*(b) or (c), as the case may be.

Section 310
Procedure in the Case of Later Submitted Sheets
Not Furnished for the Purposes of Incorporation by Reference

(a) This Section applies to later submitted sheets which do not accompany a notice confirming under Rule 20.6 that an element or part embodied in those sheets was incorporated by reference.

(b) Where later submitted sheets as referred to in paragraph (a) are received within the applicable time limit referred to in Rule 20.7 and where the international filing date is to be accorded under Rule 20.3(b)(i), 20.5(b) or 20.5*bis*(b), or corrected under Rule 20.5(c) or 20.5*bis*(c), the receiving Office shall, subject to Section 310*bis*:

(i) accord the international filing date in accordance with Rule 20.3(b)(i), 20.5(b) or 20.5*bis*(b), or effect the required correction of the international filing date in accordance with Rule 20.5(c) or 20.5*bis*(c), as the case may be;

(ii) notify the applicant of the correction or the according of the international filing date effected under item (i);

(iii) keep in its files a copy of the later submitted sheets;

(iv) where the later submitted sheets are furnished under Rule 20.5*bis* to replace any erroneously filed sheets, remove the erroneously filed sheets from the international application and notify the applicant accordingly, and keep a copy of the removed sheets in the file;

(v) where transmittals under Article 12(1) have already been made, notify the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority accordingly and transmit a copy of the corrected first and last sheets of the request and the later submitted sheets to the said Bureau and a copy thereof to the said Authority; and

(vi) where transmittals under Article 12(1) have not yet been made, attach the later submitted sheets to the record copy and a copy thereof to the search copy.

(c) Where later submitted sheets referred to in paragraph (a) are received within the applicable time limit referred to in Rule 20.7 but the purported international application still does not fulfill the requirements of Article 11(1), the receiving Office shall proceed as provided in Rule 20.4.

(d) Where later submitted sheets referred to in paragraph (a) are received after the expiration of the applicable time limit referred to in Rule 20.7, the receiving Office shall proceed as provided in Section 310*ter*.

Section 310*bis*
Procedure in the Case of Later Submitted Sheets Resulting in the Correction of the International Filing Date under Rule 20.5(c) or 20.5*bis*(c)

(a) Where, following the receipt of later submitted sheets referred to in Sections 309(a) or 310(a) within the applicable time limit referred to in Rule 20.7, the international filing date has been corrected under Rule 20.5(c) or 20.5*bis*(c), the receiving Office shall, in addition to proceeding under Section 309(c)(i) to (iii), or 310(b)(i) to (iii), as the case may be:

(i) draw the attention of the applicant to the procedure available under Rule 20.5(e) or 20.5*bis*(e), as the case may be;

(ii) proceed under Section 309(c)(iv) to (vi), or 310(b)(iv) to (vi), as the case may be, but only after the expiration of the time limit under Rule 20.5(e) or 20.5*bis*(e) and only where the applicant has not made a request under that Rule.

(b) Where the applicant requests within the time limit under Rule 20.5(e) or 20.5*bis*(e) that the missing part or the correct element or part concerned be disregarded, the receiving Office shall:

(i) restore the international filing date to that which had applied prior to its correction under Rule 20.5(c) or 20.5*bis*(c);

(ii) indelibly mark, in the middle of the bottom margin of each sheet containing the missing part concerned, the words “NOT TO BE CONSIDERED (RULE 20.5(e))”, or in the middle of the bottom margin of each sheet embodying the correct element or part concerned, the words “NOT TO BE CONSIDERED (RULE 20.5*bis*(e))”, as the case may be, or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application;

(iii) notify the applicant that the missing part or the correct element or part is considered not to have been furnished and that the international filing date has been restored to that which had applied prior to its correction under Rule 20.5(c) or 20.5*bis*(c);

(iv) keep in its files a copy of the later submitted sheets marked under item (ii) and of the request made under Rule 20.5(e) or 20.5*bis*(e);

(v) where transmittals under Article 12(1) have already been made, notify the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority accordingly, and transmit the later submitted sheets marked under item (ii), the notice under Rule 20.6(a) and the request made under Rule 20.5(e) or 20.5*bis*(e) to the said Bureau and a copy thereof to the said Authority;

(vi) where transmittals under Article 12(1) have not yet been made, notify the International Bureau accordingly and attach the later submitted sheets marked under item (ii), the notice under Rule 20.6(a) and the request under Rule 20.5(e) or 20.5*bis*(e) to the record copy.

Section 310*ter*
Procedure in the Case of Later Submitted Sheets Furnished after the Expiration of the Applicable Time Limit Referred to in Rule 20.7

Where later submitted sheets referred to in Sections 309(a) or 310(a) are received after the expiration of the applicable time limit referred to in Rule 20.7, the receiving Office shall:

(i) notify the applicant of the fact and of the date of receipt of the later submitted sheets, and of the fact that they will not be considered for the PCT procedure;

(ii) indelibly mark, in the middle of the bottom margin of each sheet containing the missing or correct element or part concerned, the words “NOT TO BE CONSIDERED (RULE 20.7)”, or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application;

(iii) keep in its files a copy of the later submitted sheets marked under item (ii) and, where applicable, of the notice under Rule 20.6(a);

(iv) where transmittals under Article 12(1) have already been made, notify the International Bureau accordingly, and transmit the later submitted sheets marked under item (ii) and, where applicable, the notice under Rule 20.6(a) to the said Bureau;

(v) where transmittals under Article 12(1) have not yet been made, notify the International Bureau accordingly, and attach the later submitted sheets marked under item (ii) and, where applicable, the notice under Rule 20.6(a) to the record copy.

Section 311
Renumbering in the Case of Deletion, Substitution or Addition of Sheets of the International Application and of the Translation Thereof

(a) The receiving Office shall, subject to Section 207, sequentially renumber the sheets of the international application when necessitated by the addition of any new sheet, the deletion of entire sheets, a change in the order of the sheets or any other reason.

(b) The sheets of the international application shall be provisionally renumbered in the following manner:

(i) subject to paragraph (iii), when a sheet is deleted, the receiving Office shall either include a blank sheet with the same number and with the word “DELETED,” or its equivalent in the language of publication of the international application, below the number, or insert, in brackets, below the number of the following sheet, the number of the deleted sheet with the word “DELETED” or its equivalent in the language of publication of the international application;

(ii) when one or more sheets are added, each sheet shall be identified by the number of the preceding sheet followed by a slant and then by another Arabic numeral such that the additional sheets are numbered consecutively, starting always with number one for the first sheet added after an unchanged sheet (e.g., 10/1, 15/1, 15/2, 15/3, etc.); when later additions of sheets to an existing series of added sheets are necessary, an extra numeral shall be used for identifying the further additions (e.g., 15/1, 15/1/1, 15/1/2, 15/2, etc.).

(iii) where a correct element or part furnished under Rule 20.5*bis* to correct an erroneously filed element or part is added to the international application, the sheets of the correct element or part shall be numbered without taking into account the sheets of the erroneously filed element or part, and no action referred to in paragraph (i) need be taken with respect to the sheets of the erroneously filed element or part, either when they are removed from the international application under Section 309(c)(iv) or 310(b)(iv), or when they are moved to the end of the corresponding element of the international application under Section 309(b)(iv).

(c) In the cases mentioned in paragraph (b), it is recommended that the receiving Office should write, below the number of the last sheet, the total number of the sheets of the international application followed by the words "TOTAL OF SHEETS" or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application. It is further recommended that, at the bottom of any last sheet added, the words "LAST ADDED SHEET" or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application should be inserted.

(d) Paragraphs (a) to (c) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to any translation of the international application furnished under Rule 12.3 or 12.4.

Section 317*bis*
Transmittal of a Notice of Correction or Addition of an indication under Rule 26*quater*.1

If a notice under Rule 26*quater*.1 is submitted by the applicant to the receiving Office, that Office shall mark the date of receipt on the notice and transmit it promptly to the International Bureau. The notice shall be considered to have been received by the International Bureau on the date marked.

PART 4
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Section 410
Numbering of Sheets for the Purposes of International Publication; Procedure in Case of Missing or Erroneously Filed Sheets

(a) In the course of preparing the international application for international publication, the International Bureau shall sequentially renumber the sheets to be published only when necessitated by the addition of any new sheet, the deletion of entire sheets or a change in the order of the sheets. Otherwise, the numbering provided under Section 207 shall be maintained.

(b) Where a sheet has not been filed or is not to be taken into consideration for the purposes of international processing under Section 310*bis* or 310*ter*, the International Bureau shall include an indication to that effect in the published international application.

(c) Where the receiving Office fails to correct the numbering of the sheets in accordance with Section 311(b)(iii), the International Bureau shall number the sheets accordingly.

Section 413
Incorporations by Reference under Rule 20.6, Corrections of Defects under Rule 26.4 and Rectifications of Obvious Mistakes under Rule 91

(a) Where the International Bureau receives from the receiving Office a letter containing a correction of any defects under Rule 26.4, or a replacement sheet and the letter accompanying it, the International Bureau shall transfer the correction to the record copy, together with the indication of the date on which the receiving Office received the letter, or shall insert the replacement sheet in the record copy. Any letter and any replaced sheet shall be kept in the file of the international application.

(b) Paragraph (a) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to rectifications of obvious mistakes under Rule 91 authorized by the receiving Office, by the International Searching Authority or, where a demand has been made, by the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

(b-*bis*) Where the International Bureau receives from the receiving Office, under Sections 309(c)(v), 310(b)(v), or 310*bis*(b)(v), corrected sheets of the request or later submitted sheets, the International Bureau shall transfer any correction to the record copy and insert any later submitted sheets in the record copy.

(c) Where the International Bureau is notified by the International Searching Authority under Rule 43.6*bis*(b) that the rectification of an obvious mistake authorized under Rule 91 has not been taken into account for the purposes of the international search, the International Bureau shall notify the designated Offices and, where a demand has been made, the International Preliminary Examining Authority accordingly.

(d) Where the International Bureau is notified by the International Preliminary Examining Authority under Rule 70.2(e) that the rectification of an obvious mistake authorized under Rule 91 has not been taken into account for the purposes of the international preliminary examination, the International Bureau shall notify the elected Offices accordingly.

Section 419*bis*
Processing of Corrections or Additions under Rule 26*quater*

(a) Where any indication referred to in Rule 4.11, or any correction thereof under Rule 26*quater*.1, is submitted to the International Bureau within the time limit under Rule 26*quater*.1, the International Bureau shall enter the correction or addition in the request, draw a line through, while still leaving legible, any indication deleted as a result of the correction, and enter, in the margin, the letters “IB”.

(b) The International Bureau shall promptly notify the applicant of any indication corrected or added under Rule 26*quater*.1.

(c) Where any indication referred to in Rule 4.11, or any correction thereof under Rule 26*quater*.1, is submitted to the International Bureau after the expiration of the time limit under Rule 26*quater*.1, the International Bureau shall notify the applicant accordingly and inform the applicant that such an indication or correction should be submitted directly to the designated Office or Offices concerned.

Section 420*bis*
Communication of Other Documents to Elected Offices

The International Bureau shall communicate the documents received from the International Preliminary Examining Authority under Rule 71.1(b) to each elected Office, at the same time as it effects the communication provided for in Article 36(3)(a) in accordance with Rule 73.2.

PART 6
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY

Section 602*bis*
Transmittal of Other Documents to the International Bureau under Rule 71.1(b)

(a) The International Preliminary Examining Authority shall transmit a copy of the following documents to the International Bureau under Rule 71.1(b):

(i) any written opinion issued by the International Preliminary Examining Authority;

(ii) any replacement sheet containing amendments under Article 34 and any letter accompanying the amendments, including any such amendments and letters that have been superseded;

(iii) any letter containing arguments that the applicant submitted to the International Preliminary Examining Authority under Rule 66.3;

(iv) any invitation to restrict the claims or pay additional fees issued by the International Preliminary Examining Authority; and

(v) any protest against the invitation to restrict the claims or pay additional fees and the decision thereon, regardless of whether or not the applicant has so requested in accordance with Rule 68.3(c).

The International Preliminary Examining Authority may transmit to the International Bureau a copy of any other document in its file.

(b) The International Preliminary Examining Authority may transmit the documents referred to in paragraph (a) to the International Bureau at any time after they have become available, but generally not later than at the time of transmitting a copy of the international preliminary examination report to that Bureau.

(c) Any International Preliminary Examining Authority may decide to postpone the application of paragraphs (a) and (b) until such time as it is technically prepared to do so.

ANNEX C
STANDARD FOR THE PRESENTATION OF NUCLEOTIDE AND AMINO ACID SEQUENCE LISTINGS IN INTERNATIONAL PATENT APPLICATIONS UNDER THE PCT

INTRODUCTION

1. This Standard has been elaborated so as to provide standardization of the presentation of nucleotide and amino acid sequence listings in international patent applications. The Standard is intended to allow the applicant to draw up a single sequence listing which is acceptable to all receiving Offices, International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for the purposes of the international phase, and to all designated and elected Offices for the purposes of the national phase. It is intended to enhance the accuracy and quality of presentations of nucleotide and amino acid sequences given in international applications, to make for easier presentation and dissemination of sequences for the benefit of applicants, the public and examiners, to facilitate searching of sequence data and to allow the exchange of sequence data in electronic form and the introduction of sequence data onto computerized databases.

DEFINITIONS

2. For the purposes of this Standard:

(i) the expression “sequence listing” means a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing which gives a detailed disclosure of the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences and other available information;

(i-*bis*) the expression “sequence listing forming part of the international application” means a sequence listing contained in the international application as filed (as referred to in paragraph 3), including any sequence listing or part thereof which is included in the international application under Rule 20.5(b) or (c), or 20.5*bis*(b) or (c), which is considered to have been contained in the international application under Rule 20.6(b), or which has been corrected under Rule 26, rectified under Rule 91 or amended under Article 34(2); or a sequence listing included in the international application by way of an amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description in relation to sequences contained in the international application as filed (as referred to in paragraphs 3*bis* and 3*ter*);

(i-*ter*) the expression “sequence listing not forming part of the international application” means a sequence listing which does not form part of the international application but is furnished for the purposes of the international search or international preliminary examination (as referred to in paragraphs 4 and 4*bis*);

(ii) sequences which are included are any unbranched sequences of four or more amino acids or unbranched sequences of ten or more nucleotides. Branched sequences, sequences with fewer than four specifically defined nucleotides or amino acids as well as sequences comprising nucleotides or amino acids other than those listed in Appendix 2, Tables 1, 2, 3 and 4, are specifically excluded from this definition;

(iii) “nucleotides” embrace only those nucleotides that can be represented using the symbols set forth in Appendix 2, Table 1. Modifications, for example, methylated bases, may be described as set forth in Appendix 2, Table 2, but shall not be shown explicitly in the nucleotide sequence;

(iv) “amino acids” are those L-amino acids commonly found in naturally occurring proteins and are listed in Appendix 2, Table 3. Those amino acid sequences containing at least one D-amino acid are not intended to be embraced by this definition. Any amino acid sequence that contains post-translationally modified amino acids may be described as the amino acid sequence that is initially translated using the symbols shown in Appendix 2, Table 3, with the modified positions, for example, hydroxylations or glycosylations, being described as set forth in Appendix 2, Table 4, but these modifications shall not be shown explicitly in the amino acid sequence. Any peptide or protein that can be expressed as a sequence using the symbols in Appendix 2, Table 3, in conjunction with a description elsewhere to describe, for example, abnormal linkages, cross-links (for example, disulfide bridge) and end caps, non-peptidyl bonds, etc., is embraced by this definition;

(v) “sequence identifier” is a unique integer that corresponds to the SEQ ID NO assigned to each sequence in the listing;

(vi) “numeric identifier” is a three-digit number which represents a specific data element;

(vii) “language-neutral vocabulary” is a controlled vocabulary used in the sequence listing that represents scientific terms as prescribed by sequence database providers (including scientific names, qualifiers and their controlled-vocabulary values, the symbols appearing in Appendix 2, Tables 1, 2, 3 and 4, and the feature keys appearing in Appendix 2, Tables 5 and 6);

(viii) “competent Authority” is the International Searching Authority that is to carry out the international search and to establish the written opinion of the International Searching Authority on the international application, or the International Preliminary Examining Authority that is to carry out the international preliminary examination on the international application.

3. to 42. [*No change*]

Appendices 1, 2 and 3 [*No change*]

ANNEX D
INFORMATION FROM FRONT PAGE OF PUBLISHED INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE GAZETTE UNDER RULE 86.1(i)

The following information shall be extracted from the front page of the publication of the international publication for each published international application and shall, in accordance with Rule 86.1(i), appear in the corresponding entry of the Gazette:

1. as to the international publication:

    1.1 the international publication number
    1.2 the date of the international publication
    1.3 an indication whether the following items were published in the published international application:

        1.31 international search report
        1.32 declaration under Article 17(2)
        1.33 claims amended under Article 19(1)
        1.34 statement under Article 19(1)
        1.35 information concerning the removal of an erroneously filed element or part under Rule 20.5*bis*(b) or (c)
        1.36 request for rectification under the first sentence of Rule 91.3(d)
        1.37 information concerning the incorporation by reference of a missing element or part or a correct element or part as referred to in Rule 48.2(b)(v)
        1.38 information concerning a priority claim under Rule 26*bis*.2(d)
        1.39 information concerning a request under Rule 26*bis*.3 for restoration of the right of priority

    1.4 the language in which the international application was filed
    1.5 the language of publication of the international application

2. to 8. [*No change*]

ANNEX E
INFORMATION TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE
UNDER RULE 86.1(v)

1. The time limits applicable under Articles 22 and 39 in respect of each Contracting State.
2. The list of the non-patent literature agreed upon by the International Searching Authorities for inclusion in the minimum documentation.
3. The names of the national Offices which do not wish to receive copies under Article 13(2)(c).
4. The provisions of the national laws of Contracting States concerning international-type search.
5. The text of the agreements entered into between the International Bureau and the International Searching Authorities or the International Preliminary Examining Authorities.
6. The names of the national Offices which entirely or in part waived their rights to any communication under Article 20.
7. The names of the Contracting States which are bound by Chapter II of the PCT.
8. Index of concordance of international application numbers and international publication numbers, listed according to international application numbers.
9. Index of applicants' names giving, for each name, the corresponding international publication number(s).
10. Index of international publication numbers, grouped according to the International Patent Classification symbols.
11. Indication of any subject matter that will not be searched or examined by the various International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities under Rules 39 and 67.
12. Requirements of designated and elected Offices under Rules 49.5 and 76.5 in relation to the furnishing of translations.
13. The dates defining the period referred to in Rule 32.1(b) during which the international application, whose effects may be extended to a successor State under Rule 32.1, must have been filed.
14. The criteria for restoration of the right of priority applied by receiving Offices under Rule 26*bis*.3 or designated Offices under Rule 49*ter*.2, and any subsequent changes in that respect.
15. Information about the receiving Offices, the International Bureau and the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities which provide for the excuse of delays in meeting time limits under Rule 82*quater*.2.

ANNEX G
NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Pursuant to Rules 96.2(b) and 96.2(c) and Section 114 of the PCT Administrative Instructions, the notification of receipt of fees and the transfer of fees collected by one Office for the benefit of another Office shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions set out in this Annex.

2. For the purposes of this Annex, the term “Office” has the same definition as in Rule 96.2(a).

II. AGREEMENTS AND TIMETABLES

II.1 AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE

3. An Office (“participating Office”) may agree with the International Bureau to participate in the WIPO process for exchanging fees via the International Bureau (“WIPO Fee Transfer Service”) for PCT purposes by:

(a) transferring some or all fees collected by it for the benefit of another participating Office to that other participating Office via the International Bureau in accordance with the provisions set out in this Annex; and

(b) having some or all fees collected by another participating Office for its benefit transferred to it via the International Bureau in accordance with the provisions set out in this Annex.

4. Where a collecting Office and the corresponding beneficiary Office have agreed to participate in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service, the transfer of

(a) international filing fees under Rule 15.2(c) or (d) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of the International Bureau;

(b) search fees under Rule 16.1(c) or (d) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority;

(c) supplementary search fees under Rule 45*bis*.3(b) collected by the International Bureau for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an Authority specified for supplementary search;

(d) handling fees under Rule 57.2(c) or (d) collected by an International Preliminary Examining Authority for the benefit of the International Bureau; and

(e) differences under Rule 16.1(e) relating to search fees received by the Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority in a currency other than its fixed currency;

from the collecting office to the International Bureau for further transfer to the beneficiary Office shall be considered to be the transfer of said fee in accordance with Rule 15.2(c) or (d), Rule 16.1(c) or (d), Rule 45*bis*.3(b), Rule 57.2(c) or (d), or Rule 16.1(e), as applicable and shall not be considered a payment by the collecting office to a third party. The transfer shall be carried out promptly in accordance with a timetable for such transfers agreed between the Offices concerned and/or the International Bureau. The Office carrying out the transfer (including, where applicable, the International Bureau) shall bear all bank charges for the transfer of the fees.

5. A participating Office, in its capacity as an International Searching Authority, may agree with the International Bureau that some or all of the transfers of fees by it under paragraph 3(a) and the transfer of fees to it under paragraph 3(b) shall be subject to netting in accordance with the provisions set out in this Annex ("fee transfer subject to netting").

6. The agreement shall specify the formats referred to in paragraphs 10 and 14, below, in which notifications of fee payments and lists of fees to be transferred shall be exchanged.

7. The International Bureau shall publish a list of the PCT fee transfers that are part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for each participating Office in the PCT Gazette.

II.2 COMMON TIMETABLE FOR FEE LISTS AND FEE TRANSFERS

8. The International Bureau shall, following consultation with participating Offices and taking into account dates when Offices are closed or bank transfers may not be possible, annually establish a timetable ("the common timetable") specifying the latest dates each month by which lists should be established under paragraphs 13 and 14, below, and transfer of fees made to and from the International Bureau under paragraphs 19 to 23, below. The timetable and any subsequently required modifications shall be transmitted to each participating Office and published in the PCT Gazette.

III. NOTIFICATION AND TRANSFER OF FEES VIA THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

III.1 NOTIFICATION OF THE RECEIPT OF FEES

Notification to the International Bureau by a Collecting Office

9. In accordance with Rule 96.2(b), a collecting Office shall promptly notify the International Bureau of each fee received in full by the Office for the benefit of the International Bureau or to be transferred to a beneficiary Office via the International Bureau. It shall preferably also promptly notify the International Bureau of other fees received, whether for the benefit of itself or of other beneficiary Offices in their role as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search or International Preliminary Examining Authority.

10. A notification of a fee received by a collecting Office according to paragraph 9 shall be made to the International Bureau in a format agreed between the collecting Office and the International Bureau. The notification shall contain sufficient information to make clear the relevant international application and the type of fee paid and shall preferably be made using XML conforming to a DTD published for the purpose in Appendix I to Annex F.

11. In the case where an overpayment has been received, the fee shall be promptly notified as having been paid in the proper amount, without waiting for any refunds to be made.

Notification to the Beneficiary Office by the International Bureau

12. Where a notification under Rule 96.2(b) relates to a fee for a beneficiary Office other than the International Bureau, the International Bureau shall promptly inform the Office concerned. Where the search copy is transmitted to the International Searching Authority by the International Bureau on behalf of the receiving Office, information that the search fee has been paid may take the form of the transmission of the search copy and, where necessary, be delayed until the other requirements for such transmission have been met.

III.2 TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES TO THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU CONCERNING MONTHLY OR OTHER PERIODIC FEE TRANSFERS

Transmission of fee transfer information by the Collecting Office

13. A participating collecting Office shall establish and transmit to the International Bureau, in accordance with the common timetable, a list of:

(a) the fees collected by that Office in the course of the preceding month or other agreed interval, which are to be paid to the International Bureau or to be transferred via the International Bureau for the benefit of another Office; and

(b) corrections and omissions relating to fees transferred, or which should have been transferred, in previous months.

14. The list shall be in a format agreed between the collecting Office and the International Bureau. The list shall contain sufficient information to validate the amounts to be transferred and shall preferably be made using XML conforming to the DTD published for the purpose in Appendix I of Annex F.

Differences in Fees Received by International Searching Authorities from Non-Participating Offices

15. Any participating International Searching Authority that receives search fees directly from receiving Offices in a prescribed currency different from the fixed currency shall, at agreed intervals, establish and transmit to the International Bureau a list of the amounts of fees received in the prescribed and fixed currencies in a format agreed between the Authority and the International Bureau, sufficient to determine the difference due to the International Bureau or to the International Searching Authority in accordance with Rule 16.1(e).

16. The Authority shall also submit documentation agreed with the International Bureau showing the amounts transferred in the prescribed currency, the date, the exchange rate applied and the amount received in the fixed currency.

III.3 CHECKING OF FEE INFORMATION RECEIVED

17. The International Bureau shall check the fee information received in accordance with paragraphs 9, 13 and 15 against the information it holds in its databases with regard to the international applications concerned and confirm to that Office that the information it has received is consistent. In case of differences that require reconciliation, the International Bureau shall contact the participating Office. Where possible, any required corrections shall be made to the relevant notifications and lists in time to be reflected in the transmission of fees in the month following their receipt by the collecting Office.

III.4 CORRECTION OF ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

18. Any errors or omissions discovered in the information transmitted concerning fees collected by one Office for the benefit of another to be transferred through the WIPO Fee Transfer Service shall be notified promptly to the International Bureau. The International Bureau shall promptly inform any other Office to which the erroneous information has been transmitted, including notifying the beneficiary Office of any corrections required to amounts that have already been transferred to that Office. Where the error is discovered too late to correct the lists on which the transfers of fees are based during the same month, the correction shall be included in the lists and transfers to be made the following month.

III.5 CALCULATION OF AMOUNTS TO BE TRANSFERRED VIA THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU; TRANSFER OF FEES VIA THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

III.5.1 Fee Transfers to the International Bureau Not Subject to Netting

19. Where a fee transfer referred to in paragraph 3, above, is not subject to netting, the collecting Office shall transfer the amount indicated in the list transmitted according to paragraph 13, above, no later than the date set in the common timetable for the purpose. The collecting Office shall bear all bank charges, if any, for this transfer.

III.5.2 Fee Transfers from the International Bureau Not Subject to Netting

20. Where a fee transfer referred to in paragraph 3, above, is not subject to netting, the International Bureau shall transmit a list of the fees to be transferred to the beneficiary Office and transfer the total amount indicated in that list no later than the dates set in the common timetable for those purposes. The International Bureau shall bear all bank charges, if any, for this transfer.

III.5.3 Fee Transfers Subject to Netting

21. Where the agreement between a participating Office and the International Bureau has specified under paragraph 5, above, that fee transfer shall be subject to netting, the International Bureau shall establish and transmit each month, to that participating Office (“netting office”), no later than the date set in the common timetable, a netting statement comprising:

(i) a list of the fees collected by other Offices for the benefit of the netting Office;

(ii) a list of the fees collected by the netting Office for the benefit of other Offices; and

(iii) an indication of the net amount in favor of the netting Office or of the International Bureau.

22. Where the net amount indicated on a netting statement is in favor of the participating Office, the International Bureau shall transfer the net amount to the netting Office no later than the date set in the common timetable. The International Bureau shall bear all bank charges, if any, for this transfer.

23. Where the net amount indicated on a netting statement is in favor of the International Bureau, the netting Office shall transfer the net amount to the International Bureau, no later than the date set in the common timetable. The participating Office shall bear all bank charges, if any, for this transfer.

III.5.4 Transfer of Fees Not Included in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service

24. Any fee transfer between a collecting Office and a beneficiary Office that is not included in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service, despite one or other Office being a participating Office, shall be carried out in accordance with paragraph 25, below.

IV. TRANSFER OF FEES BY OR TO OFFICES NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE

25. Where either a collecting Office or the corresponding beneficiary Office has not agreed to participate in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service ("non-participating Office"), the transfer, where applicable, of:

(a) international filing fees under Rule 15.2(c) or (d) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of the International Bureau;

(b) search fees under Rule 16.1(c) or (d) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of a non-participating Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority;

(c) supplementary search fees under Rule 45*bis*.3(b) collected by the International Bureau for the benefit of the non-participating Office in its capacity as an Authority specified for supplementary search;

(d) handling fees under Rule 57.2(c) or (d) collected by the Office in its capacity as an International Preliminary Examining Authority for the benefit of the International Bureau; and

(e) differences under Rule 16.1(e) relating to search fees received by the Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority;

shall be carried out promptly in accordance with Rule 15.2(c) or (d), Rule 16.1(c) or (d), Rule 45*bis*.3(b), Rule 57.2(c) or (d), or Rule 16.1(e), as applicable, preferably in accordance with a monthly time table for such transfers agreed between the Offices concerned and/or the International Bureau. The Office carrying out the transfer shall bear all bank charges, if any, for the transfer of the fees referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) and (d) and, where the difference belongs to the International Bureau, paragraph (e), whereas the International Bureau shall bear all bank charges, if any, for the transfer of the fees referred to in paragraph (c) and, where the difference belongs to the Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority, paragraph (e).

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[2] – Amendment to Annex A

The **Japan Patent Office (JPO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex A(ii) thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, consist of changes concerning the languages it will accept for international applications filed with various receiving Offices, or with an Office or the International Bureau acting for various receiving Offices.

As from 1 July 2020, Annex A will read as follows:

Annex A
States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

(i) [No change]

(ii) the following languages which it will accept:

(a) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of Japan:

Japanese, English;

(b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam:

English;

(c) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Republic of Korea:

Japanese;

(d) for international applications filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office acting for Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam:

Japanese, English.

[2] Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.

KR Republic of Korea

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[3] – Amendment to Annexes A and D

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) and (iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annexes A and D thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, consist of the addition of the **Lao People's Democratic Republic** to the States indicated in item (i) of Annex A and in item (4) of Part II of Annex D.

As from 1 July 2020, Annexes A and D 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:

Republic of Korea, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United States of America and Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

Republic of Korea, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United States of America and 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]

[3] Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf.

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of fees and charges

[No change]

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) to (3) [No change]

(4) Where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant, is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States, the amount of the search fee to be paid is reduced by 75%: Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.

(5) to (6) [No change]

RECEIVING OFFICES

LA Lao People's Democratic Republic
IB International Bureau of WIPO

The **Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Science and Technology (Lao People's Democratic Republic)** has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office – in addition to the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), European Patent Office (EPO), and Japan Patent Office (JPO) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the International Bureau of WIPO (in its capacity as receiving Office) by nationals and residents of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, with effect from 1 July 2020.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EXCUSE OF DELAY UNDER PCT RULE 82*quater*.2: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES UNDER SECTION 111(c) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

During its fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 82*quater*.2[4] of the PCT Regulations concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office. This new rule will enter into force on 1 July 2020.

As a result of the adoption of Rule 82*quater*.2, Section 111 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT is amended, also from 1 July 2020, so as to require any Office providing for the excuse of delays under Rule 82*quater*.2 to notify the International Bureau of the existence of such provisions, so that the International Bureau can publish the information in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) and make applicants aware of the availability of potential remedies.

SE Sweden

In accordance with Section 111(c) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau that pursuant to PCT Rule 82*quater*.2, it will excuse a delay in meeting a time limit fixed in the PCT Regulations for performing an action before it that is caused by the unavailability of permitted electronic means of communications at that Office, provided that the duration of such unavailability is at least 24 hours and that the respective action is performed on the next working day on which the said electronic means of communication became available.

[4] Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int//pct/en/texts/

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AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – since 1 January 2020, the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and no longer accepts the filing of documents by fax.

[Updating of Annex B1(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)** 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 September 2020, are EUR 1,337, SGD 2,102 and USD 1,507, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (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 September 2020, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NOK	13,450
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NOK	150
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character-coded format):	NOK	2,020
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character-coded format):	NOK	3,030

[Updating of Annex C(NO) 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 September 2020, are ZAR 35,920 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 17,960 for a small entity and ZAR 8,980 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

IT Italy

Further to the notification by the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** of the adoption in Italy of Ministerial Decree 13/11/2019, pursuant to which any designation of Italy in an international application filed on or after 1 July 2020 shall constitute an indication that the international application is for the grant of a regional (European) patent and also a national patent in Italy, under PCT Rule 4.9(iii) (refer to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 30 April 2020, page 82), information on the requirements of the Office as designated (or elected) Office is provided in the Summary of the National Chapter (IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

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Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date			
Translation of international application required into:[1]	Italian			
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)			
Is a copy of the international application required?	No			
National fee:	Currency: Euro (EUR)			
			Online	*On paper*
	For patent:			
	Filing fee:[2]			
	— application with up to 10 pages	EUR	50	120
	— application with 11 to 20 pages	EUR	50	160
	— application with 21 to 50 pages	EUR	50	400
	— application more than 50 pages	EUR	50	600
	— for each claim exceeding 10	EUR	45	45
	For utility model:			
	Filing fee:	EUR	50	120
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	No filing fee is payable if the application is filed by universities, public research institutions, defense or agricultural, food or forestry policies administrations			
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51*bis*):	Name of the inventor if it has not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application[3] Instrument of assignment of the priority right where the applicants are not identical[3] Address for service in the European Union or European Economic Area is necessary (but no reprentation by an agent is required) Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form			

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1 Must be furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) or at the latest within two months from entry into the national phase. This deadline cannot be extended.

2 The filing fee for entry into the national phase is calculated on the basis of the number of claims of the international application as amended (Ministerial Decree of 13 November 2019, Art. 2(1)).

3 This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

SUMMARY — Designated (or elected) Office — SUMMARY

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Who can act as agent?[4]	Any patent attorney recorded in the official register established by the Board of the Industrial Property Consultants Institute[5] Citizens of the European Union qualified to practice as patent attorney in another member State, on a temporary basis, pursuant to the procedure under the legislative Decree No. 206/2007 Any Italian lawyer or attorney-at-law whose name appears in the pertinent professional roll or any law firm employing such a lawyer or attorney-at-law[6]
Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49*ter*.2)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” and “unintentional” criteria to such requests.

4 An agent, if any, must be appointed by filing a power of attorney, and payment of a special tax (*imposta di bollo*) is required. For further details, refer to Annex IT.I.

5 The list of patent attorneys can be obtained from the Ordine dei Consulenti in Proprietà Industriale (Board of the Industrial Property Consultants Institute (https://www.ordine-brevetti.it).

6 For further details, refer to https://www.consiglionazionaleforense.it.

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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(i) thereof. This amendment, which entered into force on 7 July 2020, consists of the addition of the **Lao People's Democratic Republic** to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex.

As from 7 July 2020, the amended Annex A reads 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, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Thailand, 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, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Thailand, 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/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_sg.pdf

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of the types of national protection available via the PCT where Italy is designated (or elected) – for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020, protection by patent and utility model is available (a utility model may be sought instead of a national patent).

Furthermore, the Office specified its requirements concerning provisional protection after international publication, where a designation is made for the purposes of a national patent, as follows:

> An international application designating Italy which has been published under PCT Article 21 confers provisional protection, as provided for in Article 55 c.1-*bis* of the Italian Industrial Property Code, as from the date on which the owner of the application made available to the public, through the Italian Patent and Trademark Office, a translation of the application into Italian language, or from the date on which the owner of the application notified the alleged infringer directly of the translation.

Finally, the Office also specified its requirements concerning the time when the name and address of the inventor must be provided if Italy is designated (or elected), as follows:

> The name and address of the inventor may be in the request or may be furnished later. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration 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 fixed in the invitation.

[Updating of Annex B1(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

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 (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 September 2020, are as follows:

International filing fee:	HUF	432,700
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	HUF	4,900
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	HUF	65,100
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	HUF	97,600

[Updating of Annex C(HU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)). This amount, a stamp fee (*imposta di bollo*) applicable for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020, is EUR 15 when filing online and EUR 16 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex C(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

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 **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2020, are USD 123 for searches carried out in Russian, and USD 578 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the international Bureau of changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it, which are now as follows:

– Any patent attorney recorded in the official register established by the Board of the Industrial Property Consultants Institute. (The list of patent attorneys can be obtained from the *Ordine dei Consulenti in Proprietà Industriale* (Board of the Industrial Property Consultants Institute), available at: https://www.ordine-brevetti.it);

– Citizens of the European Union qualified to practice as patent attorney in another member State, on a temporary basis, pursuant to the procedure under the legislative Decree No. 206/2007; and

– Any Italian lawyer or attorney-at-law whose name appears in the respective professional roll or any law firm employing such a lawyer or attorney-at-law (for further details, refer to https://www.consiglionazionaleforense.it).

[Updating of Annex C(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LA Lao People's Democratic Republic
IB International Bureau of WIPO

The **Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Science and Technology (Lao People's Democratic Republic)** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore – in addition to the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), European Patent Office (EPO), Japan Patent Office (JPO), and Korean Intellectual Property Office – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the International Bureau of WIPO (in its capacity as receiving Office) by nationals and residents of the Lao People's Democratic Republic on or after 7 July 2020.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)** in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to 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 2020**, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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:	(263-242) 79 40 54 (263-242) 79 40 65 (263-242) 79 40 68
– by e-mail at:	registry@aripo.org

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 (https://www.aripo.org/).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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(AP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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LA Lao People's Democratic Republic

The **Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Science and Technology (Lao People's Democratic Republic)** has notified the International Bureau of its Internet address, and of changes to its telephone number and e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(856-21) 213 470 ext. 154
E-mail:	dip.laopdr@gmail.com kkeobounphanh@yahoo.co.uk saybandith30@gmail.com
Internet:	http://dip.gov.la/

[Updating of Annex B1(LA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)** 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, and for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 September 2020, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD	2,043
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD	23
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	AUD	307
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	AUD	461
Handling fee	AUD	307

[Updating of Annexes C(AU) and E(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, 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, also applicable from 1 September 2020, is CHF 1,432.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

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 **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2020, are NZD 3,246 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, NZD 1,623 for a small entity, and NZD 811 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EXCUSE OF DELAY IN MEETING TIME LIMITS UNDER PCT RULE 82*quater*.2: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU UNDER SECTION 111 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

During its fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 82*quater*.2 of the PCT Regulations concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office or organization. This rule entered into force on 1 July 2020.

As a result of the adoption of Rule 82*quater*.2, Section 111 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT was also amended, from 1 July 2020, so as to require the International Bureau, where it provides for the excuse of a delay in meeting time limits, due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at the Bureau (including in its capacity as receiving Office) under Rule 82*quater*.2, to publish such information in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

IB International Bureau of WIPO

In accordance with PCT Rule 82*quater*.2(a) and Sections 111(c) and (d) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the International Bureau makes the following notification concerning excuse of delays in meeting time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication:

1. References to the "International Bureau" shall be construed as including the International Bureau as receiving Office, where applicable.

2. This notification applies to all time limits fixed in the Regulations under the PCT and in the Administrative Instructions under the PCT within which an action is to be performed before the International Bureau. It also applies to time limits fixed in invitations or notifications issued to the applicant by the International Bureau. It does not apply to the priority period.

3. The permitted means of electronic communication at the International Bureau include the ePCT system and the PCT Contingency Upload Service. Any delay in meeting time limits due to the unavailability of either the ePCT system, with or without strong authentication, or the PCT Contingency Upload Service may be excused under PCT Rule 82*quater*.2(a).

4. Delays in meeting time limits may be excused where the ePCT system or the PCT Contingency Upload Service was unavailable for a minimum of a continuous one-hour period on a specific working day at the International Bureau.

5. An interested party who wishes to request excuse of delay in meeting a time limit under PCT Rule 82*quater*.2(a) before the International Bureau should:

(i) submit a request to the International Bureau, indicating that the time limit was not met due to the unavailability of the ePCT system or the PCT Contingency Upload Service on a specific date, and

(ii) perform the relevant action on the next working day at the International Bureau on which the ePCT system or the PCT Contingency Upload Service was again available.

6. The International Bureau will excuse a delay in meeting a time limit referred to in paragraph 2, above, if the conditions set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5 are met and if it acknowledges that the ePCT system or the PCT Contingency Upload Service was unavailable for at least a continuous one hour period on the day in question. The International Bureau will communicate its decision to the interested party by way of Form PCT/IB/345, or Form PCT/RO/132 when it acts as receiving Office.

7. The International Bureau will publish information on any unavailability for more than a continuous one-hour period of the ePCT system or the PCT Contingency Upload Service on the WIPO website.

8. This notification is applicable from July 1, 2020.

[Updating of Annex B2(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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RECEIVING OFFICES

IT Italy

On 14 July 2020, in accordance with PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(i), the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau that it applies only the "due care" criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020.

[Updating of Annex C(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UG Uganda

The **Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)** has specified the Austrian Patent Office—in addition to European Patent Office (EPO) and the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore—as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the URSB by nationals and residents of Uganda, with effect since 7 July 2020.

[Updating of Annex C(UG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

IT Italy

On 14 July 2020, in accordance with PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(g), the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, notified the International Bureau that it applies only the "due care" criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

ZM Zambia

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA) (Zambia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to 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 2020**, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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:	(260-211) 25 51 35 (260-211) 25 54 25 (260-211) 25 51 51
– by e-mail at:	patents@pacra.org.zm

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 (www.pacra.org.zm).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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(ZM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MX Mexico

Further to the notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 June 2020 (page 111) concerning the closure of the **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office has notified the International Bureau that it reopened to the public on **13 July 2020** for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

For further information on measures adopted by the Office in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to the WIPO COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker, available at:

https://www.wipo.int/covid19-policy-tracker/

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RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to one of its Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Internet:	www.rospatent.gov.ru www1.fips.ru

[Updating of Annex B1(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the International Bureau has been notified of a 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* with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, with effect since 28 July 2020, as follows:

National Agriculturally Important Microbial Culture Collection (NAIMCC)
ICAR-National Bureau of Agriculturally Important Microorganisms
Kushmaur, Maunath Bhanjan PIN 275 103
Uttar Pradesh
India

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES: NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents ("DAS"), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly.

Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and 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) in a wide variety of media and formats.

Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions for the Digital Access for Priority Documents, or in accordance with Sections 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, are published by the International Bureau at:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

AT Austria

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions of the Digital Access for Priority Documents, the **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as depositing Office and accessing Office, with effect from 1 October 2020.

[Updating of Annex B1(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its mailing address, which is now as follows:

Mailing address: Dresdner Straße 87
A-1200 Wien
Austria

[Updating of Annex B1(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – since 1 January 2020, the original of a document must be furnished within one month of the date of its transmission, instead of 14 days.

[Updating of Annex B1(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable[1, 2] to it in its capacity as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):		BYN	94.50	
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b))[3]:		BYN	36.00	for each copy of priority document up to 35 pages
	plus	BYN	0.60	for each page of one copy in excess of 35 pages

[1] For residents of Belarus, the payment of fees shall be effected in Belarusian roubles in accordance with the rate of the base value.

[2] 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.

[3] For further details refer to the "Patent Information Services, Price List" (page 6, items 1.1 and 1.3) at https://www.ncip.by/en/uslugi-i-informaciya/patentno-informacionnye-uslugi/

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	BYN	81

The above amounts have been in effect since 1 January 2020, with the exception of the fee for priority document, which has been in effect since 21 January 2020.

[Updating of Annex C(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office 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 2020, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:	BYN	94.50
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	40.50
Examination fee:	BYN	459
Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	270
Claim examination fee for each dependent claim in excess of ten:	BYN	40.50
Annual fee for the third year:	BYN	94.50

For utility model:

Filing fee:	BYN	189
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	94.50
Claim fee for each dependent claim in excess of ten:	BYN	40.50

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[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.

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 2020, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	10.79	(online)
	EUR	21.58	(on paper)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	43.14	
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	EUR	161.79	(request filed online)
	EUR	323.58	(request filed on paper)

[Updating of Annex C(PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the number of paper copies of the international application required by it – two copies are now required, instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has specified the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI) – in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) – as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the Office, or with the International Bureau as receiving Office, by nationals and residents of Serbia, with effect from 1 September 2020.

[Updating of Annex C(RS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EP European Patent Organisation

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 **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2020, is NOK 19,010.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) 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)), as well as for a reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 October 2020, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY	152,100
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY	1,700
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	JPY	34,300

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, 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 Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 October 2020, are CHF 612 for an application in Japanese,[1] and CHF 1,364 for an application in English.[2]

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[1] For international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3. 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, see https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf

[2] For international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 October 2020, is JPY 22,900.

[Updating of Annex E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 October 2020, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD	2,162
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD	24
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	NZD	325
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	NZD	488

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PH Philippines

Further to the notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 June 2020 (page 111) concerning the closure of the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office has notified the International Bureau that it was not open to the public for transaction of official PCT-related business from 20 to 24 July 2020 and from 6 to 18 August 2020.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application is (was) required to reach an Office falls (fell) on a day on which such Office is (was) not open to the public for the aforementioned purposes, that period **shall expire on the next subsequent day on which the Office opens to the public** for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to an Office or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits due to closures relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively, and to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 April 2020 (page 68).

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by Offices, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

For further information on measures adopted by Offices in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to the WIPO COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker, available at:

https://www.wipo.int/covid19-policy-tracker/

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AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount, in **Australian dollars (AUD)**, of the national filing fee where specific transactions are carried out by means of mail or at a counter. This amount, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office and applicable from 1 October 2020, is AUD 570.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

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 **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2020, is EUR 1,016.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CL Chile

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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2020, are:

– CHF 1,839 (general fee);

– CHF 368 (reduced fee for natural persons and legal entities (where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion));

– CHF 276 (reduced fee for universities (where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b))).

[Updating of Annex D(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PH Philippines

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2020, are CHF 920 or CHF 368 where the applicant is a small entity.[1]

[Updating of Annex D(PH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[1] A small entity refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than One Hundred Million Pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2020, is NOK 19,010.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

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 **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2020, are CHF 1,913 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, CHF 956 for a small entity, and CHF 478 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) 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 October 2020, is NOK 19,010.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) 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)

Under 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 following period of unavailability is notified:

IB International Bureau of WIPO

The ePCT system was unavailable during the following period of time:

– from 12 July 2020, 7:20 a.m. to 13 July 2020, 7:52 a.m., Central European Summer Time.

Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to this particular unavailability may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82*quater*.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions announced in the notification of the International Bureau published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 July 2020 (p.155 *et seq*.).

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US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[1] – Amendment to Annex D

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments consist of changes in the amounts of several fees, payable to the USPTO in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, which will take effect on 2 October 2020.

With effect from 2 October 2020, 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 (United States dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,180[2]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,180[2]
Preparation of an international type search report on a United States national application	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– where the international search fee has been paid on the international application to the Authority	640[2]
– where the international search was carried out by another Authority	800[2]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	640[2]
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13*ter*.1(c) and 13*ter*.2))	320[2]

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf

[2] This fee is reduced by 50% in the case of filing by a "small entity" and by 75% in the case of filing by a "micro entity". For further details on the entitlement to and the establishment of "small entity" status, see www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/s509.html#d0e30961 and 37 CFR 1.27 at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf

For further details on the entitlement to and the establishment of "micro entity" status, see www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/s509.html#ch500_d1ff69_210b3_1ca and 37 CFR 1.29 at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf

These details shall be subject to change by the Authority at its discretion.

Cost of copies (Rules 44.3 and 71.2)[3]

– US patent, per copy [No change]

Cost of copies (Rules 94.1*ter* and 94.2)

– US patent, per copy [No change]

– non-US patent document, per copy [No change]

Part II. [No change]

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SV El Salvador

Due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, **the National Center of Registries (CNR) (El Salvador)** has notified the International Bureau that it was closed to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from **14 March to 15 June 2020** (inclusive).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell between 14 March and 15 June 2020 (inclusive), that period expired on **16 June 2020**.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to closures relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively, and to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 April 2020 (page 68).

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

For further information on measures adopted by Offices in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to the WIPO COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker, available at:

https://www.wipo.int/covid19-policy-tracker/

[3] The applicant receives, together with the international search report, a copy of each cited document that is not a US patent document or a published international application. The applicant receives, together with the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each cited document not cited in the international search report that is not US patent document or a published international application. Electronic copies of these documents may be viewed at the USPTO's website (www.uspto.gov/patents-application-process/search-patents) and printed for free. Copies can also be purchased online or obtained from the USPTO Office of Public Records.

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DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified the International Bureau that it does not 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).

Furthermore, the Office notified that special provisions concerning earlier national applications from which priority is claimed are provided under Article III Section 4(4) of the Act on International Patent Conventions.

[Updating of Annex B1(DE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EE Estonia

The **Estonian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of an additional phone number, as well as a change in its facsimile number, as follows:

Telephone:	(372) 627 79 00 (372) 627 79 11 (reception)
Facsimile machine:	(372) 645 79 12

[Updating of Annex B1(EE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Due to the designation of a temporary holiday by the government of the Republic of Korea, the **Korean Intellectual Property Office** was not open to the public on Monday 17 August 2020 for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on Tuesday 18 August 2020.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the aforementioned closure, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

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IB International Bureau of WIPO

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2020, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD	109
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD	54
	Supplement for airmail: USD	11

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable from 2 October 2020, are as follows:

			Small entity	*Micro entity*
Transmittal fee[4] (PCT Rule 14):	USD	260	130	65
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	USD	2,100	1,050	525

[Updating of Annex C(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[4] In addition, there is a non-electronic filing fee applicable to international applications filed other than by the Office electronic filing system (EFS) of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small or micro entities, USD 200.

In addition, the Office also notified new amounts of fees, in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Searching Authority, from 2 October 2020, as follows:

			Small entity	*Micro entity*
Search fee[5] (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	USD	2,180	1,090	545
Additional search fee[5] (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	USD	2,180	1,090	545
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1(c)):	USD	320	160	80

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Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority and applicable from 2 October 2020, as follows:

			Small entity	*Micro entity*
Preliminary examination fee[5,6] (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	USD (USD	640 800	320 400	160 200)
Additional preliminary examination fee[7] (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	USD	640	320	160
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.2):	USD	320	160	80

[Updating of Annex E(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Finally, the Office also notified changes to several components of the national fee[5] in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes are also applicable from 2 October 2020. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

			Small entity	*Micro entity*
Basic national fee: [8]	USD	320	160	80

[5] The amounts of these fees change periodically. The United States Patent and Trademark Office or the current USPTO Fee Schedule at: www.uspto.gov/about/offices/cfo/finance/fees.jsp should be consulted for the applicable amounts.

[6] The amount in parentheses is payable when the international search was not carried out by the USPTO.

[7] This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

[8] Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

Search fee:[9]				
– IPRP prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4):		[No change]		
– International search fee paid to the USPTO as ISA:		[No change]		
– Search report has been prepared by an ISA other than the US and is provided or has been previously communicated by the IB to the USPTO:	USD	540	270	135
– All other situations:	USD	700	350	175
Examination fee:[9]				
– IPRP prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4):		[No change]		
– All other situations:	USD	800	400	200
For every 50 sheets or fraction thereof of the specification and drawings that exceeds 100 sheets (excluding any sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium):[9]	USD	420	210	105
Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of three:[9]	USD	480	240	120

[9] If not paid with the basic national fee, the USPTO will invite the applicant to pay the fee within a time period fixed in the invitation.

Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20:[10]	[No change]			
In addition, if the application contains one or more multiple dependent claims, per application:[10]	USD	860	430	215
Surcharge for paying any of the search fee, the examination fee, or filing the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage:[10]	USD	160	80	40
Processing fee for filing English-language translation after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1):[10]	[No change]			
Mega-Sequence Listing filing fee:				
– submission of sequence listing of 300 MB to 800 MB:	USD	1,060	530	265
– submission of sequence listing of more than 800 MB:	USD	10,500	5,250	2,625

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AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES: NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents ("DAS"), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly.

Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and 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) in a wide variety of media and formats.

Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions for the Digital Access for Priority Documents, or in accordance with Sections 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, are published by the International Bureau at:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

[10] Refer to footnote 9.

CO Colombia

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions of the Digital Access for Priority Documents, the **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office and accessing Office, with effect from 28 August 2020.[11]

[Updating of Annex B1(CO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IT Italy

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions of the Digital Access for Priority Documents, the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office, with effect from 1 October 2020.[12]

[Updating of Annex B1(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[11] For additional details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11586

[12] For additional details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11580

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PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the national fee, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 July 2020, as follows:

For patent:[1]	EUR	53.93	(online)
	EUR	107.86	(on paper)
For utility model:[1]	EUR	53.93	(online)
	EUR	107.86	(on paper)

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[1] Includes publication and examination.

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ZM Zambia

The **Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA) (Zambia)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its location, as well as of an additional e-mail address, as follows:

Location:	Pacra House Haile Selassie Avenue Long Acres, Lusaka Zambia
E-mail:	patents@pacra.org.zm pro@pacra.org.zm

The Office also notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the Office now accepts the filing of documents by e-mail, in addition to facsimile.

Furthermore, the Office notified that provisions of the law of Zambia concerning international-type search are provided under Section 52(3) of the Patents Act No. 40 of 2016.

The Office also notified the International Bureau of changes in the relevant provisions of its national law concerning provisional protection after international publication – the relevant provisions are now Sections 62(2), 65(1) and 54 of the Patents Act.

Finally, the Office notified that Sections 21 and 32(2) of the Patents Act provide for the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material with an international depository institution established in accordance with the *Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure*.

[Updating of Annex B1(ZM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BG Bulgaria

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the currency for payment of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, from **Bulgarian leva (BGN)** to **euros (EUR)**, with effect from 1 October 2020.

From 1 October 2020, the consolidated list of currencies accepted by the Office, and of the fees payable to it as receiving Office, will be as follows:

Fees payable to the receiving Office: Currency: Bulgarian lev (BGN), euro (EUR)

Transmittal fee:	BGN	80
International filing fee:[1]	EUR	1,217
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:[1]	EUR	14
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character-coded format):	EUR	183
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character-coded format):	EUR	275
Search fee:	Refer to Annex D(EP) or D(RU)	
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	None	
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	None	

[Updating of Annex C(BG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[1] This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

US United States of America – Corrigendum

Following the notification of a new amount of the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** on or after 2 October 2020,[2] the equivalent amounts of this fee in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, as established with effect from 1 October 2020 and published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 August 2020 (page 175), are hereby cancelled.

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)**, **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee[2] for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** on or after 2 October 2020. These amounts, also applicable from 2 October 2020, are as follows:

			Small entity	*Micro entity*
Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	CHF	1,976	988	494
	EUR	1,820	910	455
	NZD	3,220	1,610	805
	ZAR	36,144	18,072	9,036

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EXCUSE OF DELAY UNDER PCT RULE 82*quater*.2: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES UNDER SECTION 111(c) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

During its fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 82*quater*.2 of the Regulations under PCT ("PCT Regulations") concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office. This new rule entered into force on 1 July 2020.

As a result of the adoption of Rule 82*quater*.2, Section 111 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT was amended, also from 1 July 2020, so as to require any Office providing for the excuse of delays under Rule 82*quater*.2 to notify the International Bureau of the existence of such provisions, so that the International Bureau can publish the information in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

[2] From 2 October 2020, the amount of this fee, in US dollars (USD), is USD 2,180 for an entity other than a small or micro entity; USD 1,090 for a small entity; or USD 545 for a micro entity. For additional information, refer to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 27 August 2020, page 181.

JP Japan

In accordance with Section 111(c) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)** has notified the International Bureau that it will excuse a delay in meeting a time limit fixed in the PCT Regulations for performing an action where such delay is caused by the special maintenance or unavailability of permitted electronic means of communication at the Office, provided that the duration of such maintenance or unavailability is at least 24 hours, and that the respective action is performed on the next working day on which the said electronic means of communication became available, in accordance with PCT Rule 82*quater*.2(a).

Information concerning maintenance and unavailability of the JPO online filing software is available at:

http://dl-sv1.pcinfo.jpo.go.jp/docs/error/server_status.html

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NL Netherlands

The **Netherlands Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its mailing address, which is now as follows:

Mailing address:	P.O. Box 93144 2509 AC Den Haag Netherlands

[Updating of Annex B1(NL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the Office no longer accepts the filing of documents by fax; however, documents may now be filed by e-mail.

[Updating of Annex B1(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZM Zambia

The **Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA) (Zambia)** has notified the International Bureau of an additional type of national protection available via the PCT where Zambia is designated (or elected) – applicants may seek protection by utility model; protection by patent, and/or patent of addition, remains available.

[Updating of Annex B1(ZM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis.*3(d)), in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. This new amount, applicable from 1 October 2020, is USD 276.

[Updating of Annex C(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the number of paper copies of the international application required by it – one copy is now required, instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning its requirements as to whether a copy of the international application is required – the applicant is only required to provide a copy of the international application if the Office has not received a copy from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(d)), in **Saudi riyals (SRI)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount of this fee, payable from 1 October 2020, is SRI 2,000, or SRI 1,000 in the case of filing by an individual.

AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES: NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents ("DAS"), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly.

Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and 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) in a wide variety of media and formats.

Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions for the Digital Access for Priority Documents, or in accordance with Sections 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, are published by the International Bureau at:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

MX Mexico

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions of the Digital Access for Priority Documents, the **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office and accessing Office, with effect from 3 November 2020.[1]

[Updating of Annex B1(MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[1] For additional details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11592

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HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has notified the International Bureau of an additional type of national protection available via the PCT where Croatia is designated (or elected): with effect since 20 February 2020, applicants may seek protection by utility model. Protection by patent remains available; however, since 20 February 2020, protection by "consensual patent" is no longer available.

In addition, the Office notified changes to the provisions of its national law concerning provisional protection after international publication – the relevant provisions are now under Articles 59 and 95 of the Patent Law 2020.

Furthermore, the Office notified the International Bureau of changes concerning the time limit within which the name and address of the inventor must be provided if Croatia is designated (or elected), which is now as follows:

> The name and address of the inventor may be provided in the request, or may be furnished later. If this data is not provided within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within two months of receipt of the invitation, or to furnish, not later than four months from the date of entry into the national phase, a statement that the inventor wishes not to be named.

[Updating of Annex B1(HR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

VN Viet Nam

The **Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail:	vietnamipo@ipvietnam.gov.vn
Internet:	www.ipvietnam.gov.vn

[Updating of Annex B1(VN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Korean won (KRW)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2020, are KRW 2,495,000, SGD 2,882, and USD 2,107, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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 November 2020, is KRW 1,869,000.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

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 **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2020, is USD 1,210.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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 November 2020, is CHF 274.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2020, are JPY 221,900, SEK 18,250, SGD 2,882, and USD 2,107, respectively.

[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)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2020, are AUD 530 for searches carried out in Korean and AUD 1,413 for searches carried out in English.

[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 2020, are CHF 106, EUR 97, and USD 114, respectively, for searches carried out in Russian; and CHF 498, EUR 455, and USD 537, respectively, for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, in accordance with PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have also been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by Rospatent. As from 1 November 2020, these amounts are CHF 147, or CHF 235 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

HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has notified the International Bureau of the amount of the national filing fee for a utility model, in **Croatian kune (HRK)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable since 20 February 2020, is HRK 760 (for an application up to 30 sheets and 10 claims).

Furthermore, the Office notified a change concerning the conditions for exemption, reduction or refund of the national fee, which are now as follows:

– The filing fees, examination fees, and publication and maintenance fees are reduced by 50% where the applicant is also the inventor.

– The filing fee is reduced by 50% where the application is filed by electronic means; the same reduction applies where the text of the patent application filed on paper has been furnished additionally on an electronic carrier in accordance with the technical specifications published (in Croatian) on the Office's website at:

www.dziv.hr/files/file/obrasci/patent/Tehnicke_specifikacije_prijava_patenta.pdf

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CZ Czechia

On 18 September 2020, the **Industrial Property Office (Czechia)** notified the International Bureau of the official name of its Office, as follows:

Name of Office:	Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic

[Updating of Annex B1(CZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GB United Kingdom

The **Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom)**[1] has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4): with effect since 24 March 2020, the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and no longer accepts the filing of documents by fax; however, since this date, the Office accepts the filing of documents by e-mail, at:

paperformcontingency@ipo.gov.uk

[Updating of Annex B1(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TJ Tajikistan

The **Tajik Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of the official name of its Office, as well as of changes to its telephone and facsimile numbers, and to its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Name of Office:	National Center for Patents and Information under the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan
Telephone:	(992-372) 22 21 53 (992-372) 21 47 60
Facsimile machine:	(992-372) 22 21 38
E-mail:	izobretenie@ncpi.tj info@ncpi.tj
Internet:	www.ncpi.tj

[1] Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

In addition, the Office notified an additional delivery service, other than the postal authorities, from which the Office would accept evidence of mailing a document in case of loss or delay (PCT Rule 82.1): in addition to DHL, Federal Express or UPS, it now accepts evidence of mailing a document where EMS TAJIKPOST is used.

Furthermore, the Office notified the International Bureau of the types of national protection available via the PCT, where Tajikistan is designated (or elected): protection by "petty patent" is available, in addition to protection by patent; protection by utility model is not available.

The Office also notified changes relating to the provisions of the law of Tajikistan concerning international-type search: relevant information is now available under Article 20 (conventional patents) and Article 21 (petty patents) of the Law of the Republic of Tajikistan on inventions.

Finally, the Office notified the International Bureau of changes concerning provisional protection after international publication, where a designation of Tajikistan is made for the purposes of a national patent, as follows:

> After international publication, the furnishing of a translation of the international application into Tajik (Farsi) gives the applicant provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages. (Refer to Article 24 of the Law of the Republic of Tajikistan on inventions.)

[Updating of Annex B1(TJ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UZ Uzbekistan

The **Agency on Intellectual Property of the Republic of Uzbekistan** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Agency under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan

[Updating of Annex B1(UZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

TJ Tajikistan

The **National Center for Patents and Information under the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to 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 December 2020**, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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: (992-372) 22 21 53
(992-372) 21 47 60

– by e-mail at: izobretenie@ncpi.tj

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 (www.ncpi.tj).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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(TJ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UZ Uzbekistan

The **Intellectual Property Agency under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to 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 December 2020**, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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)

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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: (998-71) 232 50 50

– by e-mail at: info@ima.uz
i.abdukadirov@ima.uz

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 (www.ima.uz).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

– Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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(UZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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NL Netherlands – Corrigendum

The information concerning a change of mailing address published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 24 September 2020 (page 193) was incorrect. The mailing address of the **Netherlands Patent Office** (a department of the Netherlands Enterprise Agency) has not changed, and remains as follows:

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 10366
2501 HJ Den Haag
The Netherlands

[Updating of Annex B1(NL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UZ Uzbekistan

The **Intellectual Property Agency under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its location and mailing address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address: 33, Khadra District
100011, Tashkent
Uzbekistan

[Updating of Annex B1(UZ) 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 **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2020, is USD 1,587.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CL Chile

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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2020, are as follows:

Search fee:	EUR 1,685
Reduced search fee for natural persons and legal entities:	EUR 337 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States that benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion.)
Reduced search fee for universities:	EUR 253 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b).)

[Updating of Annex D(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EG Egypt

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 **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2020, is CHF 228.

[Updating of Annex D(EG) 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 November 2020, are EUR 114 or EUR 29 (the latter amount applies in the case of filing by an individual).

[Updating of Annex D(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

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 **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2020, are EUR 320 for searches carried out in Korean and EUR 854 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PH Philippines

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 **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2020, are EUR 843 or EUR 337 (the latter applies where the applicant is a small entity).[1]

[Updating of Annex D(PH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

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 **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2020, is EUR 1,380.

[Updating of Annex D(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[1] A small entity refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

UA Ukraine

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 Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, Department for Intellectual Property**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2020, are USD 119 for searches carried out in Russian or Ukrainian, and USD 356 for searches carried out in English, French or German.

Updating of Annex D(UA) 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 for representation before the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, as follows:

– An agent is required if the applicant has neither his residence, nor principal place of business, nor an establishment in Germany.

– An agent is not required if the applicant has his residence, principal place of business or an establishment in Germany.

Furthermore, the Office notified 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; or 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, entitled to practice in Germany, or to provide temporary services, and authorized to represent the applicant in proceedings before the Office (refer to the *Act on the Activities of European Patent Attorneys in Germany* [*EuPAG*] and the *Act on the Activities of European Lawyers in Germany* [*EuRAG*]).[2]

– If an agent is not required: as mentioned above and any natural person, in accordance with the provisions of the *Legal Services Act* [*Rechtsdienstleistungsgesetz – RDG*].

[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; or 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, entitled to practice in Germany, or to provide temporary services, and authorized to represent the applicant in proceedings before the Office (refer to the *Act on the Activities of European Patent Attorneys in Germany* [*EuPAG*] and the *Act on the Activities of European Lawyers in Germany* [*EuRAG*]).[3]

– If an agent is not required: as mentioned above and any natural person, in accordance with the provisions of the *Legal Services Act* [*Rechtsdienstleistungsgesetz – RDG*].

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (DE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[3] A list of patent attorneys may be obtained from the *Patentanwaltskammer* (Chamber of Patent Attorneys), Postfach 260108, 80058 München, Germany, and a list of attorneys-at-law from the *Bundesrechtsanwaltskammer* (Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law), Littenstrasse 9, 10179 Berlin, Germany.

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NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities, pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b) and in accordance with the procedures set out in the Administrative Instructions under the PCT (Annex F, section 2.5), modifications to Annex F, Appendix I (XML DTDs for the e-PCT Standard), section 5.13 of the Administrative Instructions were promulgated, with effect from **1 January 2021**.

These modifications involve changes to the Document Type Definitions (DTDs) for the written opinion of the International Searching Authority (ISA/237). The purpose of these modifications, which also enable the provision of written opinions in XML, is:

– to allow the structured specification of the claims for which there is non-establishment of the written opinion; and

– to allow the inclusion of the category of the citation and the examiners' opinion regarding the citation.

Due to its highly technical content, the consolidated revised text of Annex F, Appendix I of the Administrative Instructions is not reproduced here, but has been published as document PCT/AI/DTD/14 on the WIPO website at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_dtd_14.pdf

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **new lei (RON)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2021, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	RON	487	
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RON	97	plus copying costs

[Updating of Annex C(RO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

KG Kyrgyzstan

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **State Service of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to 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 **15 December 2020**, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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: (996-312) 68 08 19
- by fax at: (996-312) 68 17 03
- by e-mail at: info@patent.kg
  inter@patent.kg

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://patent.kg).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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(KG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES: NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents ("DAS"), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly.

Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and 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) in a wide variety of media and formats.

Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access for Priority Documents*, or Section 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, are published by the International Bureau at:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

FR France

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions of the Digital Access for Priority Documents*, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France)** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office, with effect from 1 December 2020, for international applications filed on or after this date.

[Updating of Annex B1(FR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CU Cuba

Further to the notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 23 April 2020 (page 74) concerning the closure of the **Cuban Industrial Property Office** due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office has notified the International Bureau that it reopened to the public, for the purposes of the transaction of official business, on **20 October 2020**.

Additional information concerning the Office's closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/

For further information on measures adopted by the Office in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to the WIPO COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker, available at:

https://www.wipo.int/covid19-policy-tracker/

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

The **Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the amount of the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Bosnia and Herzegovina convertible marks (BAM)**. This amount, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, is BAM 30.

[Updating of Annex C(BA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the conditions for reduction of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office: these fees are now reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by electronic means.

[Updating of Annex C(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CN China

In accordance with PCT Rules 35.2 and 59.1, the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) – in addition to the CNIPA – as competent International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Authority (IPEA) for international applications filed with CNIPA or with the receiving Office of the International Bureau, in English, by nationals and residents of China, with effect from 1 December 2020.

The aforementioned specification of the EPO arises in the framework of a pilot and shall apply for a duration of two years, for a maximum of 2,500 applications in total in the first year, and 3,000 applications in the second year.

During a transitional phase, applicants who file an international application with the CNIPA as receiving Office and select the EPO as ISA will be required to pay the international search fee directly to the EPO, in **euros (EUR)**.[1]

In addition, applicants who are nationals or residents of China and whose international search is performed by the EPO as ISA will also be able to file a demand for international preliminary examination with the EPO, in its capacity as IPEA.

For further details, consult the Joint Communiqué of the EPO and CNIPA, available online at:

www.epo.org/news-events/news/2020/20201020.html (in English); and

www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2020/10/20/art_53_153571.html (in Chinese).

[Updating of Annex C(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it, in its capacity as receiving Office: any person appointed by the applicant may now act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[1] For a list of fees payable to the EPO as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, refer to the *Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization* (available at: www.wipo.int//pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf), and Annexes D(EP), SISA(EP) and E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide.*

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

The **Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the amounts of the national fee, in **Bosnia and Herzegovina convertible marks (BAM)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

Filing and publication fee:	BAM	260
– plus for each page of the application over 30:	BAM	3
– plus for each claim over 10:	BAM	11
Publication fee for granted patent:	BAM	60

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the amounts of the national filing fee, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:[2]

– where the application is filed by an inventor or co-inventors:	EUR	30
– where the application is filed by an applicant other than the inventor or by applicants other than the co-inventors:	EUR	60

[2] Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), or if not paid within that time limit, within 15 days from the receipt of an invitation to pay the filing fee.

For utility model:

Filing fee:[3]

– where the application is filed by an inventor or co-inventors:	EUR	34
– where the application is filed by an applicant other than the inventor or by applicants other than the co-inventors:	EUR	68

The Office also notified changes to the conditions for exemption, reduction or refund of the national fee: the national filing fee is now reduced by 50% where the application is filed by electronic means.

In addition, the Office notified changes to its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* (Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27), which are now as follows:

– Document(s) relating to the applicant's entitlement to apply for, and be granted, a patent, if the applicant is not an inventor;[4]

– Three copies of the translation of the international application for a patent;

– Three copies of the translation of the international application for a utility model;

– Where the validity of the priority claim is relevant to the determination of whether the invention concerned is patentable, the Office may invite the applicant to furnish a translation of the priority document into the Slovak language, or into one of the official languages of the EPO, at the option of the applicant;

– Applicants who are not citizens of a Contracting State to the *Agreement on the European Economic Area* (EEA), or who do not have a residence or place of business in a Contracting State to the *Agreement on the EEA*, must be represented by an attorney-at-law or a patent attorney registered in the Slovak Republic.

Finally, the Office notified the International Bureau of changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

[3] Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), or if not paid within that time limit, within 15 days from the receipt of an invitation to pay the filing fee.

[4] This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

– Applicants who are citizens of a Contracting State to the *Agreement on the EEA*, or who have a residence or place of business in a Contracting State to the *Agreement on the EEA*, may appoint any person to act as such.

– Applicants who are neither citizens of a Contracting State to the *Agreement on the EEA*, or who have neither a residence nor a place of business in a Contracting State to the *Agreement on the EEA*, must be represented by an attorney at law or a patent attorney registered in the Slovak Republic.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

SD Sudan

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department (Sudan)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to 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 **15 January 2021**, 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.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, 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: (249-155) 12 68 62
(249-183) 74 23 58

– by e-mail at: epctiposd@gmail.com

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 (www.ipsudan.gov.sd).

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 (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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.

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CA Canada

Agreement between the Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization[1] – Amendment to Annex D

The **Canadian Intellectual Property 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, which will take effect on 1 January 2021, consist of changes in the amounts of several fees payable to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

With effect from 1 January 2021, 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 (Canadian dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,632
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,632
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	816
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	816
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1*ter* and 94.2) in electronic form	
(a) for the first 7 megabytes, plus	[no change]
(b) for each additional 10 megabytes or part thereof exceeding the first 7 megabytes	[no change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1*ter* and 94.2), per page (paper)	[no change]

Part II. [No change]

[1] Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ca.pdf

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2021, is CAD 306.

[Updating of Annex C(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of fees, in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 January 2021 are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	CAD	1,632
Additional search fee[2] (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	CAD	1,632

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office notified new amounts of fees, also in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, from 1 January 2021, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	CAD	816
Additional Preliminary examination fee[3] (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	CAD	816

[Updating of Annex E(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[2] This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

[3] This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

PT Portugal

Following the notification concerning new amounts of fees, as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 6 August 2020 (page 168), the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has further notified the International Bureau of the fee for an electronic copy of a priority document, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office.

With effect since 1 July 2020, the fees for priority documents are the following:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	16.19	(electronic copy)
	EUR	43.14	(paper copy)

[Updating of Annex C(PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the components of the national fee, in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2021 are as follows:

National fee:

Basic national fee:[4]	CAD	408	(204)[5]
Additional fee for reinstatement of rights (late entry into the national phase):	CAD	204	

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[4] Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

[5] The amount in parentheses is applicable only if the applicant is entitled to pay certain fees at the "small entity" level. In order to be entitled to pay the reduced fee, a signed "small entity" declaration compliant with subsection 44(3) of the *Canadian Patent Rules* must, within the applicable time limit set out in subsection 154(1)(c)(i), 154(2)(a), 154(3)(a)(iii)(A), 154(3)(b)(i)(A) or 154(3)(b)(ii)(A) of the *Canadian Patent Rules*, be made by the applicant or the agent on the applicant's behalf (the declaration shall preferably follow the form of the declaration set out in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Phase, Annex CA.II).

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea

The **Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning its location and mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers, and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Kinmaul Dong No. 1, Pipha Street Moranbong District, Pyongyang Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Telephone:	(850-2) 381 85 44
Facsimile machine:	(850-2) 381 44 10
E-mail:	io520@star-co.net.kp

In addition, the Office notified changes concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4): the Office now accepts the filing of documents by e-mail, in addition to facsimile. The Office further notified that, in the case of filing of documents by means of telecommunication, only the original power of attorney document must be furnished, within three months from the filing date of the international application.

[Updating of Annex B1(KP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

In accordance with 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 **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2021, are CHF 1,134, EUR 1,060 and USD 1,243, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) 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 2021, 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 2021,
2 and 5 April 2021,
13 and 24 May 2021,
9 September 2021,
24 and 31 December 2021.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** national Offices or other intergovernmental organizations.

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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)
GB United Kingdom

On 1 October 2020, the **Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** deposited a declaration in accordance with Article 62(3) of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).

As from 1 January 2021, the United Kingdom's ratification of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) shall be extended to the territory of Gibraltar, for the international relations of which the United Kingdom is responsible. For additional information, refer to PCT Notification No. 13, available on the WIPO website at:

https://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/notifications/pct/treaty_pct_13.html

[Updating of Annexes A and C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica)** has notified the International Bureau of the official name of the Office, as well as of changes to its e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Registry of Intellectual Property (Costa Rica)
E-mail:	vcohen@rnp.go.cr jlizano@rnp.go.cr dmarenco@rnp.go.cr

[Updating of Annex B1(CR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

HN Honduras

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Honduras)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail:	patentes@ip.gob.hn camilo.bendeck@ip.gob.hn
Internet:	https://www.ip.gob.hn/

[Updating of Annex B1(HN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General of WIPO in October 2020, in accordance with the Directives adopted by the PCT Assembly[1] and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the **international filing fee** (including the fee per sheet over 30 and fee reductions when an international application is filed partially or entirely in electronic form) and the **handling fee**, respectively, have been established in **various currencies**, with effect from 1 January 2021, as indicated in table 1 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current equivalent amounts in the prescribed currencies, and, in bold print, the proposed new equivalent amounts of those fees corresponding to the amounts in Swiss francs (CHF) set out in the current Schedule of Fees.[2]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of **search fees** have been established in **receiving Offices' currencies** for all International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 January 2021, as indicated in table 2 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current equivalent amounts (in receiving Offices' currencies) and, in bold print, any new amounts[3] of the search fees fixed by the International Searching Authority and the proposed new equivalent amounts of all search fees, in the currencies other than the currency in which the International Searching Authority has fixed its fees.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the **supplementary search fees** have been established in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, also with effect from 1 January 2021, for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, as indicated in table 3 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current amounts of the supplementary search fees (in the currencies in which the Authority has fixed its fees), and, in bold print, any new amounts[4] of the supplementary search fees fixed by the Authority, as well as the proposed new equivalent amounts of those fees in Swiss francs (CHF), with effect from 1 January 2021.

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1 The Directives of the PCT Assembly relating to the establishment of equivalent amounts of certain fees are available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/equivalent_amounts.html

2 Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/rtax.html

3 Applicable only to the search fees fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office.

4 Applicable only to the supplementary search fees fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office and the Nordic Patent Institute.

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

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IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the amounts of several fees, in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office from 1 January 2021, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	ISK 18,200
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ISK 4,900
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	ISK 43,500

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

HN Honduras

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Honduras)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the number of paper copies of the international application required by the Office – one paper copy is now required, instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(HN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

HN Honduras

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Honduras)** has notified the International Bureau of the amount of the substantive examination fee, in **Honduran lempiras (HNL)**. This amount, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, is HNL 1,500.

Furthermore, the Office notified the conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, as follows:

– The fees are reduced by 90% where the applicant is the inventor, and he (or she) provides a declaration indicating that his (or her) economic situation prevents him (or her) from paying the full amount of the fees.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (HN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office from 1 January 2021, as follows:

National fee:

Application fee:[5]	ISK 67,800
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:[6]	ISK 4,400
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation:[7]	ISK 18,300
Total annual fees for the first three years:[8]	ISK 34,800

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

[5] Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

[6] If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

[7] Where the basic national fee has been paid within the applicable time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the prescribed translation may be filed within a further period of two months, provided that it is accompanied by the additional fee.

[8] These fees are payable within two months after performing the acts for entering the national phase.

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2021)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 05.10.2020	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees Item 3	
				Item 4(a)	Item 4(b)	Item 4(c)		
Reference currency Swiss franc		1,330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar		2,043	23	n.a	307	461	307	Current amount
	0.6574417	**2,023**	23	n.a	**304**	**456**	**304**	**New amount**
CAD - Canadian dollar		1,961	22	n.a	295	442	295	Current amount
	0.6898827	**1,928**	22	n.a	**290**	**435**	**290**	**New amount**
DKK - Danish krone		9,090	100	n.a	1,370	2,050	1,370	Current amount
	0.1449941	**9,170**	100	n.a	**1,380**	**2,070**	**1,380**	**New amount**
EUR - Euro		1,217	14	92	183	275	183	Current amount
	1.0788415	**1,233**	14	**93**	**185**	**278**	**185**	**New amount**
GBP - Pound sterling		1,085	12	n.a	163	245	n.a	Current amount
	1.1873716	**1,120**	**13**	n.a	**168**	**253**	n.a	**New amount**
HUF - Hungarian forint		432,700	4,900	n.a	65,100	97,600	n.a	Current amount
	0.0029944	**444,200**	**5,000**	n.a	**66,800**	**100,200**	n.a	**New amount**
ILS - New Israeli sheqel		*	*	n.a	*	*	743	Current amount
	0.2686275	*	*	n.a	*	*	**745**	**New amount**
ISK - Icelandic krona		195,100	2,200	n.a	29,300	44,000	n.a	Current amount
	0.0066343	**200,500**	**2,300**	n.a	**30,100**	**45,200**	n.a	**New amount**
JPY - Japanese yen		152,100	1,700	n.a	n.a	34,300	22,900	Current amount
	0.0086606	**153,600**	1,700	n.a	n.a	**34,600**	**23,100**	**New amount**
KRW - Korean won		**	**	n.a	n.a	**	255,000	Current amount
	0.0007907	**	**	n.a	n.a	**	**253,000**	**New amount**
NOK - Norwegian krone		13,450	150	n.a	2,020	3,030	n.a	Current amount
	0.0991452	**13,410**	150	n.a	2,020	3,030	n.a	**New amount**
NZD - New Zealand dollar		2,162	24	n.a	325	488	n.a	Current amount
	0.6079064	**2,188**	**25**	n.a	**329**	**493**	n.a	**New amount**
SEK - Swedish krona		13,240	150	n.a	1,990	2,990	1,990	Current amount
	0.1029188	**12,920**	150	n.a	**1,940**	**2,910**	**1,940**	**New amount**
SGD - Singapore dollar		1,974	22	n.a	297	445	297	Current amount
	0.6728352	**1,977**	22	n.a	297	**446**	297	**New amount**
USD - US dollar		1,446	16	109	217	326	217	Current amount
	0.9155967	**1,453**	16	109	**218**	**328**	**218**	**New amount**
ZAR - South African rand		24,090	270	n.a	3,620	5,430	n.a	Current amount
	0.0551488	**24,120**	270	n.a	**3,630**	**5,440**	n.a	**New amount**

* Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in New Israeli sheqels of the amounts in US dollars indicated above.
** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Korean wons of the amounts in Swiss francs indicated above.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2021)

International Searching Authority	**ISA/AT**		**ISA/AU**		**ISA/BR**			**ISA/CA**		
Reference currency & amount	EUR	1,775	AUD	2,200	BRL	2,525	1,685	CAD	1,600	
								CAD	**1,632** [3]	
Exchange rates applicable on 05.10.2020	*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*			*Exch. Rate*		
CHF - Swiss franc		1,939		1,432		429	286		1,085	Current amount
	1.0788415	**1,915**	*0.6574417*	**1,446**	*0.1628664*	**411**	**274**	*0.6898827*	**1,134** [4]	**New amount**
USD - US dollar		2,107 [1]		1,587 [2]		483	322		1,210 [1]	Current amount
	0.8486851	**2,091**	*1.392666*	**1,580**	*5.6217654*	**449**	**300**	*1.3271774*	**1,243** [5]	**New amount**
EUR - Euro				1,337		406	271		1,016	Current amount
			1.6409691	**1,341**	*6.6240888*	**381**	**254**	*1.5638043*	**1,060** [6]	**New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar										Current amount
										New amount
DKK - Danish krone										Current amount
										New amount
GBP - Pound sterling										Current amount
										New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint										Current amount
										New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona										Current amount
										New amount
JPY - Japanese yen										Current amount
										New amount
KRW - Korean won		2,495,000 [1]		1,869,000 [1]						Current amount
	0.0007329	**2,422,000**	*0.0012027*	**1,829,000**						**New amount**
NOK - Norwegian krone										Current amount
										New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar				2,357						Current amount
			0.9246545	**2,379**						**New amount**
SEK - Swedish krona										Current amount
										New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar		2,882 [1]		2,102						Current amount
	0.6226646	**2,846**	*1.0234142*	**2,150**						**New amount**
ZAR - South African rand		35,130		26,420						Current amount
	0.0511185	**34,720**	*0.0838839*	**26,230**						**New amount**

1. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2020.
2. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2020.
3. This new amount of the search fee has been fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office with effect from January 1, 2021.
(Refer to *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 5 November 2020, page 230).
4. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the search fee fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office with effect from January 1, 2021.
5. New equivalent amount in US dollars of the search fee fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office with effect from January 1, 2021.
6. New equivalent amount in Euros of the search fee fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office with effect from January 1, 2021.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2021)

International Searching Authority	**ISA/CL**				**ISA/CN**		**ISA/EG**		**ISA/EP**		
Reference currency & amount	USD	2,000	400	300	CNY	2,100	EGP	4,000	EUR	1,775	
Exchange rates applicable on 05.10.2020	*Exch. Rate*				*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		
CHF - Swiss franc		1,839	368	276		274 [7]		228 [7]		1,939	Current amount
	0.9155967	**1,831**	**366**	**275**	*0.1348178*	**283**	*0.0582031*	**233**	*1.0788415*	**1,915**	**New amount**
USD - US dollar						294		245		2,107 [7]	Current amount
					6.7913636	**309**	*15.7310642*	**254**	*0.8486851*	**2,091**	**New amount**
EUR - Euro		1,685 [7]	337 [7]	253 [7]		267		223			Current amount
	1.1782933	**1,697**	**339**	**255**	*8.0022185*	**262**	*18.5358082*	**216**			**New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar											Current amount
											New amount
DKK - Danish krone										13,260	Current amount
									0.1343980	**13,210**	**New amount**
GBP - Pound sterling										1,560	Current amount
									1.1005987	**1,613**	**New amount**
HUF - Hungarian forint										626,100	Current amount
									0.0027756	**639,500**	**New amount**
ISK - Icelandic krona										276,000	Current amount
									0.0061495	**288,600**	**New amount**
JPY - Japanese yen										221,900 [7]	Current amount
									0.0080277	**221,100**	**New amount**
KRW - Korean won											Current amount
											New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone										19,010	Current amount
									0.0918997	**19,310**	**New amount**
NZD - New Zealand dollar										3,099	Current amount
									0.5634807	**3,150**	**New amount**
SEK - Swedish krona										18,250 [7]	Current amount
									0.0953975	**18,610**	**New amount**
SGD - Singapore dollar										2,882 [7]	Current amount
									0.6236646	**2,846**	**New amount**
ZAR - South African rand										35,130	Current amount
									0.0511185	**34,720**	**New amount**

7. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2020.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2021)

International Searching Authority	**ISA/ES**		**ISA/FI**		**ISA/IL**		**ISA/IN**			
Reference currency & amount	EUR	1,775	EUR	1,775	ILS	3,582	INR	10,000	2,500	
Exchange rates applicable on 05.10.2020	*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*			
CHF - Swiss franc	*1.0788415*	1,939 **1,915**	*1.0788415*	1,939 **1,915**	*0.2686275*	1,009 **962**	*0.0125239*	128 **125**	32 **31**	Current amount **New amount**
USD - US dollar	*0.8486851*	2,107 [8] **2,091**	*0.8486851*	2,107 [8] **2,091**	*3.4084250*	1,036 **1,051**	*73.1079536*	131 **137**	33 **34**	Current amount **New amount**
EUR - Euro	*4.0161246*	932 **892**	*4.0161246*	932 **892**	*4.0161246*	932 **892**	*86.1426153*	114 [8] **116**	29 [8] 29	Current amount **New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar										Current amount **New amount**
DKK - Danish krone										Current amount **New amount**
GBP - Pound sterling										Current amount **New amount**
HUF - Hungarian forint										Current amount **New amount**
ISK - Icelandic krona										Current amount **New amount**
JPY - Japanese yen										Current amount **New amount**
KRW - Korean won										Current amount **New amount**
NOK - Norwegian krone										Current amount **New amount**
NZD - New Zealand dollar										Current amount **New amount**
SEK - Swedish krona										Current amount **New amount**
SGD - Singapore dollar										Current amount **New amount**
ZAR - South African rand										Current amount **New amount**

8. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2020.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2021)

International Searching Authority	**ISA/JP**			**ISA/KR**			**ISA/PH**			**ISA/RU**			
Reference currency & amount	JPY	156,000	70,000	KRW	1,200,000	450,000	USD	1,000	400	RUB	40,000	8,500	
Exchange rates applicable on 05.10.2020	*Exch. Rate*			*Exch. Rate*			*Exch. Rate*			*Exch. Rate*			
CHF - Swiss franc		1,364	612		941	353		920	368		498 [9]	106 [9]	Current amount
	0.0086606	**1,351**	**606**	*0.0007907*	**949**	**356**	*0.9155967*	**916**	**366**	*0.0116828*	**467**	**99**	**New amount**
USD - US dollar		1,457	654		1,003	376					537 [9]	114 [9]	Current amount
	105.7197769	**1,476**	**662**	*1,157.957127*	**1,036**	**389**				*78.3713408*	**510**	**108**	**New amount**
EUR - Euro		1,326	595		854 [9]	320 [9]		843 [9]	337 [9]		455 [9]	97 [9]	Current amount
	124.5689098	**1,252**	**562**	*1,364.413178*	**879**	**330**	*1.1782933*	**849**	**339**	*92.3444294*	**433**	**92**	**New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar					1,413 [9]	530 [9]							Current amount
				831.4679398	**1,443**	**541**							**New amount**
DKK - Danish krone													Current amount
													New amount
GBP - Pound sterling													Current amount
													New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint													Current amount
													New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona													Current amount
													New amount
JPY - Japanese yen													Current amount
													New amount
KRW - Korean won			783,000										Current amount
	0.0912985		**767,000**										**New amount**
NOK - Norwegian krone													Current amount
													New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar					1,594	598							Current amount
				768.8205388	**1,561**	**585**							**New amount**
SEK - Swedish krona													Current amount
													New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar		2,012			1,385	519							Current amount
	77.6892130	**2,008**		*850.9361325*	**1,410**	**529**							**New amount**
ZAR - South African rand													Current amount
													New amount

9. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2020.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2021)

International Searching Authority	**ISA/SE**[10]		**ISA/SG**		**ISA/TR**[11]		**ISA/UA**			
Reference currency	SEK	18,250 [12]	SGD	2,240	TRY	11,300	EUR	300	100	
& amount	SEK	**18,610**			TRY	**16,250**				
Exchange rates applicable on 05.10.2020			*Exch. Rate*				*Exch. Rate*			
CHF - Swiss franc		1,939		1,509		1,939		328	109	Current amount
		1,915	*0.6728352*	**1,507**		**1,915**	*1.0788415*	**324**	**108**	**New amount**
USD - US dollar		2,107 [12]		1,622		2,107 [12]		356 [12]	119 [12]	Current amount
		2,091	*1.3608038*	**1,646**		**2,091**	*0.8486851*	**353**	**118**	**New amount**
EUR - Euro		1,775		1,380 [12]		1,775				Current amount
		1,775	*1.6034261*	**1,397**		1,775				**New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar										Current amount
										New amount
DKK - Danish krone		13,260								Current amount
		13,210								**New amount**
GBP - Pound sterling										Current amount
										New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint										Current amount
										New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona		276,000								Current amount
		288,600								**New amount**
JPY - Japanese yen				173,600						Current amount
			0.0128718	**174,000**						**New amount**
KRW - Korean won				1,955,000						Current amount
			0.0011752	**1,906,000**						**New amount**
NOK - Norwegian krone		19,010								Current amount
		19,310								**New amount**
NZD - New Zealand dollar										Current amount
										New amount
SEK - Swedish krona										Current amount
										New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar										Current amount
										New amount
ZAR - South African rand										Current amount
										New amount

10. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2021, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.
11. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2021, to be fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.
12. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2020.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2021)

International Searching Authority	**ISA/US**				**ISA/XN**[13]		**ISA/XV**		
Reference currency & amount	USD	2,180	1,090	545	DKK DKK	13,260 **13,210**	EUR	1,775	
Exchange rates applicable on 05.10.2020	*Exch. Rate*						*Exch. Rate*		
CHF - Swiss franc	*0.9155967*	1,976 **1,996**	988 **998**	494 **499**		1,939 **1,915**	*1.0788415*	1,939 **1,915**	Current amount **New amount**
USD - US dollar						2,107 [14] **2,091**	*0.8486851*	2,107 [14] **2,091**	Current amount **New amount**
EUR - Euro	*1.1782933*	1,820 **1,850**	910 **925**	455 **463**		1,775 1,775			Current amount **New amount**
AUD - Australian dollar									Current amount **New amount**
DKK - Danish krone									Current amount **New amount**
GBP - Pound sterling									Current amount **New amount**
HUF - Hungarian forint							*0.0027756*	626,100 **639,500**	Current amount **New amount**
ISK - Icelandic krona						276,000 **288,600**			Current amount **New amount**
JPY - Japanese yen									Current amount **New amount**
KRW - Korean won									Current amount **New amount**
NOK - Norwegian krone						19,010 **19,310**			Current amount **New amount**
NZD - New Zealand dollar	*0.6639456*	3,220 **3,283**	1,610 **1,642**	805 **821**					Current amount **New amount**
SEK - Swedish krona						18,250 [14] **18,610**			Current amount **New amount**
SGD - Singapore dollar									Current amount **New amount**
ZAR - South African rand	*0.0602326*	36,144 **36,190**	18,072 **18,100**	9,036 **9,050**					Current amount **New amount**

13. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2021, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.
14. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2020.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2021)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	**ISA/AT**				**ISA/EP**		**ISA/FI**		**ISA/RU**		
Reference currency & Amount	EUR	850 [1]	1,190 [2]	1,700 [3]	EUR	1,775	EUR	1,775	Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles [4]	11,800	18,880 [5]
Exchange rate applicable on 05.10.2020	*Exch. Rate*				*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*		
CHF - Swiss franc	*1.0788415*	**917**	**1,284**	**1,834**	*1.0788415*	**1,915**	*1.0788415*	**1,915**	*0.0116828*	**138**	**221**

1. For a search of the German-language documentation.
2. For a search of the European or North American documentation.
3. For a search of only the PCT minimum documentation.
4. This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
5. This fee 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).

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2021)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	**ISA/SE**	**ISA/SG**	**ISA/TR**	**ISA/UA**
Reference currency & Amount	SEK 18,250	SGD 2,240	TRY 500 [6] 11,300	EUR 60 [7] 70 [8] 90 [9] 90 [10]
	SEK **18,610** [11]		TRY **16,250** [12]	
Exchange rate applicable on 05.10.2020		*Exch. Rate*		*Exch. Rate*
CHF - Swiss franc	**1,915** [13]	*0.6728352* **1,507**	**59** [14] **1,915** [14]	*1.0788415* **65** 76 **97** **97**

6. For a search of only the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority.
7. This fee 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).
8. For a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation.
9. For a search of only the European and North American documentation.
10. For a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation.
11. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2021.
12. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2021.
13. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2021.
14. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2021.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2021)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	**ISA/XN**			**ISA/XV**		
Reference currency & Amount	DKK	4,000 [15]	13,260	EUR	550 [16]	1,775
	DKK		**13,210** [17]			
Exchange rate applicable on 05.10.2020				*Exch. Rate*		
CHF - Swiss franc		**580** [18]	**1,915** [18]	*1.0788415*	**593**	**1,915**

15. For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

16. For a search of only the documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak.

17. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2021.

18. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2021.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

MC Monaco

The **Intellectual Property Division, Department of Economic Expansion (Monaco)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone number, as well as its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(377) 98 98 98 01
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Internet:	https://mcipo.gouv.mc

[Updating of Annex B1(MC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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SK Slovakia – Corrigendum

The **Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic** has notified the International Bureau that the information published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 29 October 2020 (page 222), concerning the conditions for reduction of the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), was erroneous.

The fee for a priority document, payable in **euros (EUR)** to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, is reduced by 50% where the request for the priority document is filed by electronic means. Consequently, the fee for a priority document, which is prepared and transmitted on paper by the Office, is as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	20	(request filed on paper)
	EUR	10	(request filed by electronic means)

[Updating of Annex C(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EXCUSE OF DELAY UNDER PCT RULE 82*quater*.2: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES UNDER SECTION 111(c) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

During its fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 82*quater*.2 of the Regulations under the PCT ("PCT Regulations") concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office. This new rule entered into force on 1 July 2020.

As a result of the adoption of Rule 82*quater*.2, Section 111 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT was amended, also from 1 July 2020, so as to require any Office providing for the excuse of delays under Rule 82*quater*.2 to notify the International Bureau of the existence of such provisions, so that the International Bureau can publish the information in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Organisation (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau in accordance with Section 111(c) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, its intention to apply Rule 82*quater*.2(a) in case of unavailability of its electronic means of communication with a view to excusing delays in meeting time limits fixed in the Regulations under the PCT.

In particular, the EPO intends to apply Rule 82*quater*.2(a) as follows:

1. Delays in meeting time limits could be excused where any of the permitted means of electronic filing at the EPO notified under Rule 89*bis*, or means of online payment[1], was unavailable for a minimum of a continuous four-hour period on a specific working day. Rule 82*quater*.2 will not be applied by the EPO if a means of electronic filing is unavailable for less than four hours and an announcement of the outage has been published at least two working days in advance. In such cases, it is believed that users would have had enough lead time to adapt their working schedule by using the affected means of electronic filing before or after the unavailability. In cases where the advance notice indicated that an outage was to last for less than four hours, but eventually lasted longer, the EPO will consider applying Rule 82*quater*.2. The relevant information will be published by the EPO on its website and notified to the International Bureau. A list of all outages notified by the EPO under Rule 82*quater*.2(a), as well as minor incidents, will also be published by the EPO.

2. An unplanned outage, however, does not necessarily have to last a minimum of four hours to qualify for the application of Rule 82*quater*.2 by the EPO. If the unavailability of a means of electronic communication, or means of online payment, is qualified as an outage by its technical services, the EPO will consider applying Rule 82*quater*.2 and proceed as described above.

3. Following the publication by the International Bureau of a notification by the EPO, an interested party who wishes to be excused of a delay in meeting a time limit before the EPO should: (i) submit a request to the EPO, indicating that the time limit was not met due to the unavailability of any of the permitted means of electronic communication on a specific date, and (ii) perform the relevant action on the next working day at the EPO on which all permitted means of electronic communication or online payment are again available. Users will be informed without delay of the EPO's decision via Form PCT/RO/132.

4. In case of an outage affecting WIPO's ePCT system, the International Bureau will notify the EPO of such outage. The EPO will then determine whether Rule 82*quater*.2 is applicable and will proceed as described above.

[1] The Online Fee Payment tool and the EPO service for making payments via credit card and bank transfers both serve exclusively for making payments. Therefore, outages affecting these two services cannot be invoked for periods relating to the filing of documents.

5. This notification is applicable from November 16, 2020.

AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE: NOTIFICATION OF TRANSFER OF PCT FEES

Since 1 July 2020[2] any PCT receiving Office ("RO"), International Searching Authority ("ISA"), Authority specified for supplementary international search ("SISA"), or International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") may participate, as a "participating Office", in the exchange of PCT fees from one Office (the "collecting Office") to another (the "beneficiary Office") via the International Bureau ("IB") for PCT purposes (the "WIPO Fee Transfer Service"), pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2 and in accordance with the provisions set out in Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

An Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service as a collecting Office may transfer the following fees and related differences, in accordance with Annex G of the Administrative Instructions:

- **international filing fee** (Rule 15.2(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of the International Bureau;
- **search fee** (Rule 16.1(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority;
- **supplementary search fee** (Rule 45*bis*.3(b)) collected by the International Bureau for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an Authority specified for supplementary search;
- **handling fee** (Rule 57.2(c) or (d)) collected by an International Preliminary Examining Authority for the benefit of the International Bureau; and
- **differences relating to the search fee** (Rule 16.1(e)) received by an Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority in a currency other than its fixed currency.[3]

Furthermore, pursuant to Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 3, the transfer of the above fees and differences, from the collecting Office to the International Bureau for the further transfer to the beneficiary Office, is considered to be the transfer of said fees in accordance with the applicable Rule, and is not considered to be a payment by the collecting Office to a third party.

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[2] For details, refer to the Report of the fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union), available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/pct_a_51/pct_a_51_4.pdf

[3] Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

List of PCT Fee Transfers that are Part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service

In accordance with Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 7 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the list of the PCT fee transfers that were part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for each participating Office[4] as of **20 November 2020** (inclusive), is as follows:

	PCT Fee Transfers				
	International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
AT Austrian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/BR, CO, GE, IN, JO, KE, KR, MA, MX, OA, OM, PE, SG, UG, VN, ZA	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives EUR transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/AT*
AU Australian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/KR as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/IN, JO, KE, KR, MY, NZ, OM, SG, US, VN, ZA	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives AUD transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/AU*
BG Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a

[4] Rows relating to participating Offices having an agreement with the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the *Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)* are identified by light grey shading.

PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	**International Filing Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
BR National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, SE, US as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/CO, PE	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives USD transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/BR*
CH Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
CL National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, ES, KR, US as Beneficiary ISA: *(not yet participating as ISA)*	n/a	*(not yet participating as IPEA)*	*(not yet participating as ISA)*
CO Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, BR, EP, ES, KR, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
CR Registry of Intellectual Property (Costa Rica)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, ES	n/a	n/a	n/a
CZ Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	**International Filing Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
DE German Patent and Trade Mark Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
DK Danish Patent and Trademark Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, SE, XN	n/a	n/a	n/a
DO National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, ES, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
EE Estonian Patent Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
EP European Patent Office (EPO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: (n/a) as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/AT, BG, BR, CH, CL, CO, CR, CZ, DE, DK, DO, EE, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, GR, HU, IE, IL, IN, IS, IT, JO, JP, KE, LV, MA, MD, MX, MY, NI, NO, NZ, OA, OM, PE, PH, QA, RS, RU, SA, SE, SG, SI, SK, TN, TR, UG, US, VN, ZA	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives EUR transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/EP*

PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	**International Filing Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
ES Spanish Patent and Trademark Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/CL, CO, CR, DO, MX, NI, PE	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives EUR transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/ES*
FI Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, SE as Beneficiary ISA: *(not yet participating as ISA)*	*(not yet participating as SISA)*	*(not yet participating as IPEA)*	*(not yet participating as ISA)*
FR National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
GB Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
GE National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)	*(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, IL, RU, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
GR Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
HU Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
IE Intellectual Property Office of Ireland	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
IL Israel Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, US Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/GE, US	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives USD transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/IL*
IN Indian Patent Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, EP, SE, US Beneficiary ISA: *(not yet participating as ISA)*	n/a	*(not yet participating as IPEA)*	*(not yet participating as ISA)*
IS Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, SE, XN	n/a	n/a	n/a
IT Italian Patent and Trademark Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	**International Filing Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	**Search Fee** collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	**Supplementary Search Fee** collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	**Handling Fee** collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	**differences relating to search fees** received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
JO Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)	*(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, EP, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
JP Japan Patent Office (JPO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, SG as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/KR, MY, PH, SG, US, VN	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives JPY transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/JP*
KE Kenya Industrial Property Institute	*(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, EP, SE	n/a	n/a	n/a
KR Korean Intellectual Property Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collects search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, JP, SG as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/AU, CL, CO, MX, MY, NZ, PE, PH, SA, SG, US, VN	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives KRW transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/KR*
LV Latvian Patent Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: collects search fees for ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
MA Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, RU, SE	n/a	n/a	n/a
MD State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
MX Mexican Institute of Industrial Property	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees* ISA/AT, EP, ES, KR, SE, SG, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
MY Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AU, EP, JP, KR	n/a	n/a	n/a
NI Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, ES	n/a	n/a	n/a
NO Norwegian Industrial Property Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, SE, XN	n/a	n/a	n/a
NZ Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AU, EP, KR, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
OA African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, RU, SE	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
OM Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, EP, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
PE National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, BR, EP, ES, KR, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
PH Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AU, EP, JP, KR, US as Beneficiary ISA: *(not yet participating as ISA)*	n/a	*(not yet participating as IPEA)*	*(not yet participating as ISA)*
QA Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
RS Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
RU Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/BG, CO, GE, LV, MA, MD, OA, SA, US, VN	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives RUB transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/RU*
SA Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, KR, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
SE Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP, XN as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/BR, DK, FI, IN, IS, KE, MA, MX, NO, OA, VN	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives SEK transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/SE*
SG Intellectual Property Office of Singapore	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, EP, JP, KR as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/JP, KR, MX, UG, US, VN	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives SGD transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/SG*

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
SI Slovenian Intellectual Property Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
SK Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
TN National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
TR Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/EP as Beneficiary ISA: *(not yet participating as ISA)*	*(not yet participating as SISA)*	*(not yet participating as IPEA)*	*(not yet participating as ISA)*
UG Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, EP, SG	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
US United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AU, EP, IL, JP, KR, RU, SG as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/BR, CL, DO, GE, IL, IN, JO, MX, NZ, OM, PE, PH, QA, ZA	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives USD transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/US*
VN Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam)	*(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)*	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, EP, JP, KR, SG, SE, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
XN Nordic Patent Institute	n/a	as Collecting RO: (n/a) as Beneficiary ISA: *receiving search fees transferred from* RO/DK, IS, NO, SE	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: *receives DKK transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/XN*
ZA Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: *collecting search fees for* ISA/AT, AU, EP, US	n/a	n/a	n/a

Common Timetable for Fee Lists and Fee Transfers

Following consultations with participating Offices, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.2, paragraph 8 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, a common timetable has been established for the year 2021, specifying the latest dates, each month, by which a participating Collecting Office shall establish and transmit fee transfer information to the International Bureau; and by which the lists of fees to be transferred, and the amounts of fees indicated in said lists, shall be established and transmitted to, and from, the International Bureau.

The common timetable established for the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 is as follows:

Cycle	**Calendar month (2021)**	**PCT Fee Transfer Service Month (Invoice Period)**	**Fee Transfer Service**	**Last date for documentation notification to IB** (12h00 CET)	**Receiving Office payment cut-off value date**	**PCT Fee Transfer Service Statement Reports**	**PCT Fee Transfer Service Settlement Date**
1	January	Dec. 2020	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 21-Jan-2021	Friday 22-Jan-2021	Tuesday 26-Jan-2021	Friday 29-Jan-2021
2	February	Jan. 2021	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 17-Feb-2021	Friday 19-Feb-2021	Tuesday 23-Feb-2021	Friday 26-Feb-2021
3	March	Feb. 2021	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 17-Mar-2021	Friday 19-Mar-2021	Tuesday 23-Mar-2021	Friday 26-Mar-2021
4	April	Mar. 2021	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 21-Apr-2021	Friday 23-Apr-2021	Tuesday 27-Apr-2021	Friday 30-Apr-2021
5	May	Apr. 2021	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 19-May-2021	Friday 21-May-2021	Tuesday 25-May-2021	Friday 28-May-2021
6	June	May 2021	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 16-Jun-2021	Friday 18-Jun-2021	Tuesday 22-Jun-2021	Friday 25-Jun-2021
7	July	June 2021	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 21-Jul-2021	Friday 23-Jul-2021	Tuesday 27-Jul-2021	Friday 30-Jul-2021
8	August	July 2021	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 18-Aug-2021	Friday 20-Aug-2021	Tuesday 24-Aug-2021	Friday 27-Aug-2021
9	September	Aug. 2021	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 22-Sep-2021	Friday 24-Sep-2021	Tuesday 28-Sep-2021	Thursday 30-Sep-2021
10	October	Sept. 2021	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 20-Oct-2021	Friday 22-Oct-2021	Tuesday 26-Oct-2021	Friday 29-Oct-2021
11	November	Oct. 2021	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 17-Nov-2021	Friday 19-Nov-2021	Tuesday 23-Nov-2021	Friday 26-Nov-2021
12	December	Nov. 2021	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 15-Dec-2021	Friday 17-Dec-2021	Tuesday 21-Dec-2021	Thursday 23-Dec-2021

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KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea

The **Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea** has notified the International Bureau of the types of protection available via the PCT, where the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is designated (or elected): protection by "petty inventor's certificate" and "petty patent" is available, in addition to protection by patent and inventor's certificate.

Furthermore, the Office specified its requirements concerning provisional protection after international publication, as follows:

– Provisional protection may be available from such time as a translation has been made available to the public, by laying open for public inspection as provided in the *Law on Inventions of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea*.

[Updating of Annex B1(KP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

BG Bulgaria

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 Bulgaria**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification as published in the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) of 21 April 2016, pages 79 *et seq*.

In particular, as from 1 February 2021, the Office will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed using the EPO online filing software (under Sections 703(b)(iv) and 710(a)(i) of the Administrative Instructions).

Consequently, as from 1 February 2021, the item concerning electronic filing software specified by the Office in its aforementioned notification will be replaced by the following:

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

– ePCT-Filing

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BH Bahrain

The **National Patent Office (Bahrain)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(973-17) 57 48 96 (973-17) 57 49 23 (973-17) 57 47 69

[Updating of Annex B1(BH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MN Mongolia

The **Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its location and mailing address, and its Internet address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	13381 Ulaanbaatar Bayanzurkh District, 3 Khoroo Enkhtaivan Avenue 30 Mongolia
Internet:	www.ipom.gov.mn

[Updating of Annex B1(MN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the currency prescribed by the Office for payment of the international filing fee (PCT Rule 15.2(b)), the fee per sheet in excess of 30, as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. In addition to **US dollars (USD)**, the Office now accepts payment of these fees in **euros (EUR)**.

The consolidated list of fees to which this change applies, together with the amount of each fee, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, is as follows:

International filing fee:[1]		USD	1,446	(1,453)[2]
	or	EUR	1,217	(1,233)[2]
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:[1]		USD	16	
	or	EUR	14	
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):				
Electronic filing (the request in character-coded format):		USD	217	(218)[2]
	or	EUR	183	(185)[2]
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character-coded format):		USD	326	(328)[2]
	or	EUR	275	(278)[2]

[Updating of Annex C(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MG Madagascar

The **Industrial Property Office of Madagascar** has notified the International Bureau that the amount of the national filing fee, payable in **Malagasy ariary (MGA)** to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, includes the fee for granting and publication of a patent.

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[1] This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

[2] The amount in parentheses is applicable as from 1 January 2021.

EXCUSE OF DELAY UNDER PCT RULE 82*quater*.2: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU UNDER PCT RULE 82*quater*.2(a)

Under 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 following periods of unavailability are notified:

EP European Patent Organisation

Permitted electronic means of communication at the European Patent Organisation (EPO) were unavailable during the following periods of time:

– CMS: from 26 November 2020, 08:00 a.m. to 27 November 2020, 11:00 a.m., Central European Time.

– All online services: from 26 November 2020, 11:25 p.m. to 27 November 2020, 01:15 a.m., Central European Time.

Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to these particular unavailabilities may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82*quater*.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions (published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 November 2020 (p.253 *et seq*.)).

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

GM Gambia

The **Registrar General's Department, Department of State for Justice (Gambia)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the name of the Office, as well as to its telephone numbers, e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Name of Office:	Registrar General's Department, Ministry of Justice (Gambia)
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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable as from 1 January 2021 is ILS 554.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several fees, in **Serbian dinars (RSD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 August 2020, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):[1]	RSD 7,990	
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RSD 1,920	for the first document up to 10 pages, plus
	RSD 480	for each subsequent document up to 10 pages, plus
	[No change]	per page in excess of 10
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	RSD 3,210	

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[1] This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BH Bahrain

The **National Patent Office (Bahrain)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Bahraini dinars (BHD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 13 December 2018, are as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:[2]	BHD	540	(270)[3]
Second annual fee:	BHD	200	(100)[3]
Publication fee:	BHD	320	(160)[3]

For utility model:

Filing fee:[2]	BHD	270	(135)[3]

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IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, of the national filing fee payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable as from 1 January 2021, is ILS 2,030.[4]

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[2] Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

[3] The amount in parentheses is payable in case of filing by an individual.

[4] 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.

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national fee,[5] in **Serbian dinars (RSD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 August 2020, as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee:[6]	RSD 7,990
Examination fee:[6]	RSD 7,990
Annual fee for the first three years:[6]	RSD 11,200

For a petty patent:

Filing fee:[6]	RSD 7,990

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[5] Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

[6] This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.