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CL Chile

The **National Industrial Property Institute** has notified the deletion of its facsimile number.

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

KZ Kazakhstan

The **Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Committee of Intellectual Property Rights, National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP Republic of Kazakhstan)** has notified changes in the name of the Office, in its location and mailing address, in its telephone and facsimile numbers and in its e-mail address, and has deleted an Internet address, as follows:

Name of Office:	Ulttyk ziyatkerlik menshik instituty (UZMI Kazakstan Respublikasy) – National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Republic of Kazakhstan)
Location and mailing address:	Kazakstan Respublikasy Adilet ministrligi Ziyatkerlik menshik kukygy komiteti, Sol zhagalau, Orynbor 8, Kireberis 13, Astana 010000, Kazakhstan (general matters) Ulttyk ziyatkerlik menshik instituty, Sol zhagalau, Orynbor 8, Kireberis 13 B, Astana 010000, Kazakhstan (application processing)
Telephone:	(7-7172) 50 29 15 (7-7172) 50 31 12 (7-7172) 50 29 97
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Internet:	www.intellkaz.kz www.kazpatent.kz

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

MY Malaysia

The **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia** has notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its telephone and facsimile numbers, applicable since 22 November 2010, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Unit 1-7, Ground Floor,
Menara UOA Bangsar,
No. 5, Jalan Bangsar Utama 1,
59000 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Telephone: (603) 2299 8400

Facsimile machine: (603) 2299 8989

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2011, are EUR 72.06 and EUR 28.82, respectively.

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

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GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center (Georgia)** has notified changes in the name of the Office, in its location and mailing address and in its telephone numbers, and has deleted a facsimile number, as follows:

Name of Office:	Intelektualuri Sakutrebis Erovnuli Tsentri – National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)
Location and mailing address:	31, Nino Ramishvili Str., 0179 Tbilisi, Georgia
Telephone:	(995-32) 25 25 33
Facsimile machine:	(995-32) 98 84 26

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

LU Luxembourg

The **Intellectual Property Directorate (Luxembourg)** has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, applicable since 1 January 2011. The consolidated list of the said components should read as follows:

Filing fee:	EUR	20
Third annual fee:	EUR	33

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (LU), 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 interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to paragraphs 2(i-*bis*), 3*bis*, 4*bis*, 38 and 42(ii) of Annex C, and the addition of a new paragraph 3*ter* to Annex C, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as set out below, are promulgated with effect from 1 January 2011.

These modifications are intended to further clarify provisions in Annex C dealing with corrections (under PCT Rule 26), rectifications (under PCT Rule 91) and amendments (under PCT Article 34(2)) submitted in relation to sequence listings or sequences contained in the international application as filed.

All modifications are applicable to international applications filed on or after January 1, 2011.

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions (PCT/AI/12) as in force from 1 January 2011 is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai.pdf.

TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (as in force from 1 January 2011)

ANNEX C STANDARD FOR THE PRESENTATION OF NUCLEOTIDE AND AMINO ACID SEQUENCE LISTINGS IN INTERNATIONAL PATENT APPLICATIONS UNDER THE PCT

INTRODUCTION

1. [No change]

DEFINITIONS

2. For the purposes of this Standard:

- (i) [No change]

(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), 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 a rectification under Rule 91 or 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*) [no change] 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) to (viii) [No change]

SEQUENCE LISTING FORMING PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

3. [No change]

3*bis*. Any correction under Rule 26, rectification under Rule 91 or amendment under Article 34(2) of the description submitted in relation to a sequence listing contained in the international application filed on paper and any sequence listing included in the international application by way of a rectification under Rule 91 or an amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description in relation to sequences contained in the international application filed on paper shall be submitted in accordance with Rule 26.4, Rule 91 or Rule 66.8, respectively.

3*ter*. 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 contained in the international application filed in electronic form and any sequence listing included in the international application by way of a rectification under Rule 91 or an amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description in relation to sequences contained in the international application filed in electronic form shall be submitted in the form of a sequence listing in electronic form comprising the entire listing with the relevant correction, rectification or amendment. Any such sequence listing:

(i) to (iii) [No change]

SEQUENCE LISTING NOT FORMING PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

4. [No change]

4*bis*. 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 contained in the international application as filed and any sequence listing included in the international application by way of a rectification under Rule 91 or an amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description in relation to sequences contained in the international application as filed shall be accompanied, for the purposes of the international search or international preliminary examination, by a sequence listing in electronic form in an electronic document format in accordance with paragraph 39, comprising the entire listing including any such correction, rectification or amendment, whenever this is required by the competent authority, unless such listing in electronic form is already available to that authority in a form and manner acceptable to it. Any such sequence listing in electronic form:

(i) to (iii) [No change]

(iv) shall be identical to the corrected, rectified or amended sequence listing and be accompanied by a statement that “the information recorded in electronic form furnished under Rule 13*ter* is identical to the corrected sequence listing” (or to the “rectified sequence listing” or the “amended sequence listing”, as the case may be).

Where such sequence listing in electronic form and, where applicable, such statement is not available to the competent authority, any such correction, rectification or amendment need only be taken into account by that authority for the purposes of the international search or preliminary examination to the extent that a meaningful search or preliminary examination can be carried out without such sequence listing in electronic form.

5 to 7. [No change]

NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES

8 to 15. [No change]

AMINO ACID SEQUENCES

16 to 22. [No change]

OTHER AVAILABLE INFORMATION IN THE SEQUENCE LISTING

23 to 35. [No change]

REPETITION OF FREE TEXT IN MAIN PART OF DESCRIPTION

36. [No change]

SEQUENCE LISTING IN ELECTRONIC FORM

37. [No change]

38. Any sequence listing in electronic form referred to in paragraph 3*ter* shall be in an electronic document format that has been specified by the receiving Office (in the case of a correction) or by the competent authority (in the case of a rectification or an amendment) for the purposes of filing of international applications in electronic form, provided that any such listing shall preferably be in the electronic document format specified in paragraph 40. Any such listing shall be filed by a means of transmittal which has been specified by the receiving Office or the competent authority, as applicable, for the purposes of this paragraph; if possible, it shall preferably be filed by a means of transmittal which has been specified by both the receiving Office and the competent authority.

39 to 41. [No change]

PROCEDURE BEFORE DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

42. For the purposes of the procedure before a designated or elected Office before which the processing of an international application which contains the disclosure of one or more nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences has started (see Rule 13*ter*.3):

(i) [no change]

(ii) any reference to a sequence listing which is included in the international application by way of a rectification under Rule 91 or an amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description in relation to sequences contained in the application as filed shall be construed to also include any sequence listing included in the application, under the national law applied by the designated or elected Office concerned, by way of a rectification (of an obvious mistake) or amendment of the description in relation to sequences contained in the application as filed;

(iii) and (iv) [no change]

APPENDICES

[No change]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AL Albania

The **Albanian Patent Office** has notified changes in the name of the Office, in its telephone and facsimile numbers and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Name of Office:	Drejtoria e Përgjithshme e Patentave dhe Markave – Albanian Patents and Trademarks Office
Telephone:	(355-42) 234 412
Facsimile machine:	(355-42) 234 412
E-mail:	mailinf@alpto.gov.al
Internet:	www.alpto.gov.al

The Office has also notified changes concerning the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication, applicable since 1 May 2010. The consolidated provisions read 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. This translation shall be published within three months from the date of its submission to the Office (Article 27, Albanian Industrial Property Law).

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

(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 (see EPC Articles 67 and 153(4));¹ or

¹ For further details on the national law relating to the EPC, see www.epo.org/patents/law/legal-texts/national-law-epc.html, in particular, “Rights conferred by a European patent application after publication pursuant to EPC Article 93 (EPC Article 67)” and “Translations for obtaining provisional protection”.

(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 (see EPC Article 153(4) and Article 82(1), Albanian Industrial Property Law).

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

SY Syrian Arab Republic

The **Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Property (Syrian Arab Republic)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which now reads as follows:

ipr@syrecon.org

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

AL Albania

The **Albanian Patents and Trademarks Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a), it would accept Albanian, in addition to English, as a language in which international applications may be filed, and that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(c), it would accept English as a language in which a request may be filed, with effect since 1 November 2008.

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

PE Peru

Following the notification by the **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection** that it forwarded, pursuant to PCT Rule 19.4(a)(iii), international applications filed with it in its capacity as receiving Office to the International Bureau as receiving Office for further processing, with effect since 6 June 2009 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 30 July 2009, page 126), the Office has notified that it is fully assuming its functions as receiving Office with effect since 14 January 2011.

VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau** acting for the **Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)** has specified the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect since 10 December 2010.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AL Albania

The **Albanian Patents and Trademarks Office** has notified a new time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3). This time limit, applicable since 1 November 2008, is 31 months from the priority date and applies to all international applications for which the previously applicable 30-month time limit had not yet expired on 1 November 2008.

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes in its requirements concerning the contents of the translation for entry into the national phase, applicable since 1 November 2008. The required contents now read as follows:

Under PCT Article 22: Claims (if amended, as amended only)

Under PCT Article 39(1): Claims (if amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)

In addition, the Office has notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*, applicable since 1 November 2008. The list of consolidated requirements reads as follows:

Appointment of an agent if the applicant does not reside in Albania or is not a legal entity established under Albanian law

Name of the inventor if this has not been indicated in the "Request" part of the international application²

If someone, other than the inventor, applies for a patent, the application shall contain a declaration indicating the applicant's right to the invention²

Any document relating to any transfer or assignment of the right to the application²

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

² This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AL Albania

The **Albanian Patents and Trademarks Office** has notified a new amount of the filing fee component of the national fee for patents, in **Albanian lek (ALL)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable since 11 September 2009, is ALL 7,000.

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

PE Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection** has notified changes in the fees, in **nuevo sol (PEN)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The consolidated list of these fees, applicable since 14 January 2011, is as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	PEN 233.35
International filing fee:	Equivalent in PEN of US dollars 1,367
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	Equivalent in PEN of US dollars 15
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	Equivalent in PEN of US dollars 103
Search fee:	See Annex D(AT), (EP), (ES) or (US)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	PEN 134.49
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	PEN 191.97

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

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AU Australia

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2011, is EUR 1,461.

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

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable from 1 April 2011, as follows:

Basic fee:	ISK	47,000
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	ISK	3,000
Annual fees for the first three years:	ISK	24,000

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

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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FORTY-FIRST (24TH EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

A number of amendments to the PCT Regulations were approved by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) during its forty-first (24th extraordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 20 to 29 September 2010 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

Documents which were prepared for the Assembly, and which give detailed background information relating to the decisions that were taken, as well as the report of the session, are available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=20767.

The amendments to the PCT Regulations will enter into force on 1 July 2011 and concern the following:

(i) the rectification of obvious mistakes authorized by the International Preliminary Examining Authority under PCT Rule 91.1(b)(iii) (amendments to PCT Rules 48.2 and 70.16);

(ii) the filing of amendments of the claims under PCT Article 19 and of amendments of the description, claims or drawings under PCT Article 34, and accompanying letters indicating the basis for the amendment in the application as filed (amendments to PCT Rules 12.2, 49.5, 53.9, 55.3, 62.1, 62.2, 70.2, 70.16 and 92.2, and deletion of PCT Rule 66.9);

(iii) replacement sheets, letters and other documents which are to be annexed to the international preliminary examination report (amendments to PCT Rule 70.16).

The text of the amendments is reproduced below.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT *(to enter into force on 1 July 2011)*

Rule 12 **Language of the International Application** **and Translations for the Purposes of International Search** **and International Publication**

12.1 to 12.1 *ter* [No change]

12.2 *Language of Changes in the International Application*

(a) Any amendment of the international application shall, subject to Rules 46.3 and 55.3, be in the language in which the application is filed.

(b) and (c) [No change]

12.3 and 12.4 [No change]

Rule 48
International Publication

48.1 [No change]

48.2 *Contents*

(a) to (h) [No change]

(i) If the authorization by the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority or the International Bureau of a rectification of an obvious mistake in the international application under Rule 91.1 is received by or, where applicable, given by the International Bureau after completion of the technical preparations for international publication, a statement reflecting all the rectifications shall be published, together with the sheets containing the rectifications, or the replacement sheets and the letter furnished under Rule 91.2, as the case may be, and the front page shall be republished.

(j) and (k) [No change]

48.3 to 48.6 [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) For the purposes of Article 22, the translation of the international application shall contain the description (subject to paragraph (a-bis)), the claims, any text matter of the drawings and the abstract. If required by the designated Office, the translation shall also, subject to paragraphs (b), (c-bis) and (e),

(i) [no change]

(ii) if the claims have been amended under Article 19, contain both the claims as filed and the claims as amended (the claims as amended shall be furnished in the form of a translation of the complete set of claims furnished under Rule 46.5(a) in replacement of all the claims originally filed), and

(iii) [no change]

(a-bis) to (l) [No change]

49.6 [No change]

Rule 53
The Demand

53.1 to 53.8 [No change]

53.9 *Statement Concerning Amendments*

(a) If amendments under Article 19 have been made, the statement concerning amendments shall indicate whether, for the purposes of the international preliminary examination, the applicant wishes those amendments:

(i) to be taken into account, in which case a copy of the amendments and of the letter required under Rule 46.5(b) shall preferably be submitted with the demand; or

(ii) [no change]

(b) and (c) [No change]

Rule 55 Languages (International Preliminary Examination)

55.1 and 55.2 [No change]

55.3 *Language and Translation of Amendments and Letters*

(a) Subject to paragraph (b), if the international application has been filed in a language other than the language in which it is published, any amendment under Article 34, as well as any letter referred to in Rule 66.8(a), Rule 66.8(b) and Rule 46.5(b) as applicable by virtue of Rule 66.8(c), shall be submitted in the language of publication.

(b) Where a translation of the international application is required under Rule 55.2:

(i) any amendment and any letter referred to in paragraph (a); and

(ii) any amendment under Article 19 which is to be taken into account under Rule 66.1(c) or (d) and any letter referred to in Rule 46.5(b);

shall be in the language of that translation. Where such amendments or letters have been or are submitted in another language, a translation shall also be submitted.

(c) If an amendment or letter is not submitted in a language as required under paragraph (a) or (b), the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall invite the applicant to submit the amendment or letter in the required language within a time limit which shall be reasonable under the circumstances. That time limit shall not be less than one month from the date of the invitation. It may be extended by the International Preliminary Examining Authority at any time before a decision is taken.

(d) If the applicant fails to comply, within the time limit under paragraph (c), with the invitation to furnish an amendment in the required language, the amendment shall not be taken into account for the purposes of the international preliminary examination. If the applicant fails to comply, within the time limit under paragraph (c), with the invitation to furnish a letter referred to in paragraph (a) in the required language, the amendment concerned need not be taken into account for the purposes of the international preliminary examination.

Rule 62
Copy of the Written Opinion by the International Searching Authority
and of Amendments under Article 19
for the International Preliminary Examining Authority

62.1 *Copy of Written Opinion by International Searching Authority and of Amendments Made before the Demand Is Filed*

Upon receipt of a demand, or a copy thereof, from the International Preliminary Examining Authority, the International Bureau shall promptly transmit to that Authority:

(i) a copy of the written opinion established under Rule 43*bis*.1, unless the national Office or intergovernmental organization that acted as International Searching Authority is also acting as International Preliminary Examining Authority; and

(ii) a copy of any amendment under Article 19, any statement referred to in that Article, and the letter required under Rule 46.5(b), unless that Authority has indicated that it has already received such a copy.

62.2 *Amendments Made after the Demand Is Filed*

If, at the time of filing any amendments under Article 19, a demand has already been submitted, the applicant shall preferably, at the same time as he files the amendments with the International Bureau, also file with the International Preliminary Examining Authority a copy of such amendments, any statement referred to in that Article and the letter required under Rule 46.5(b). In any case, the International Bureau shall promptly transmit a copy of such amendments, statement and letter to that Authority.

Rule 66
Procedure before the International Preliminary Examining Authority

66.1 to 66.8 [No change]

66.9 [*Deleted*]

Rule 70
International Preliminary Report on Patentability
by the International Preliminary Examining Authority
(International Preliminary Examination Report)

70.1 [No change]

70.2 *Basis of the Report*

(a) to (c) [No change]

(c-*bis*) If the claims, description or drawings have been amended but the replacement sheet or sheets were not accompanied by a letter indicating the basis for the amendment in the application as filed, as required under Rule 46.5(b)(iii), Rule 46.5(b)(iii) being applicable by virtue of Rule 66.8(c), or Rule 66.8(a), as applicable, the report may be established as if the amendment had not been made, in which case the report shall so indicate.

(d) and (e) [No change]

70.3 to 70.15 [No change]

70.16 *Annexes to the Report*

(a) The following replacement sheets and letters shall be annexed to the report:

- (i) each replacement sheet under Rule 66.8 containing amendments under Article 34 and each letter under Rule 66.8(a), Rule 66.8(b) and Rule 46.5(b) as applicable by virtue of Rule 66.8(c);
- (ii) each replacement sheet under Rule 46.5 containing amendments under Article 19 and each letter under Rule 46.5; and
- (iii) each replacement sheet under Rule 26.4 as applicable by virtue of Rule 91.2 containing a rectification of an obvious mistake authorized by that Authority under Rule 91.1(b)(iii) and each letter under Rule 26.4 as applicable by virtue of Rule 91.2;

unless any such replacement sheet has been superseded or considered reversed by a later replacement sheet or an amendment resulting in the cancellation of an entire sheet under Rule 66.8(b); and

- (iv) where the report contains an indication referred to in Rule 70.2(e), any sheet and letter relating to a rectification of an obvious mistake which is not taken into account pursuant to Rule 66.4*bis*.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), each superseded or reversed replacement sheet referred to in that paragraph and any letter referred to in that paragraph relating to such superseded or reversed sheet shall also be annexed to the report where:

- (i) the International Preliminary Examining Authority considers that the relevant superseding or reversing amendment goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed and the report contains an indication referred to in Rule 70.2(c);
- (ii) the relevant superseding or reversing amendment was not accompanied by a letter indicating the basis for the amendment in the application as filed and the report is established as if the amendment had not been made and contains an indication referred to in Rule 70.2(c-*bis*).

In such a case, the superseded or reversed replacement sheet shall be marked as provided by the Administrative Instructions.

Rule 92
Correspondence

92.1 [No change]

92.2 *Languages*

(a) Subject to Rules 55.1 and 55.3 and to paragraph (b) of this Rule, any letter or document submitted by the applicant to the International Searching Authority or the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall be in the same language as the international application to which it relates. However, where a translation of the international application has been transmitted under Rule 23.1(b) or furnished under Rule 55.2, the language of such translation shall be used.

(b) [No change]

(c) *[Remains deleted]*

(d) and (e) [No change]

92.3 and 92.4 [No change]

RECEIVING OFFICES

VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau** acting for the **Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)** 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 International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect since 24 January 2011.

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RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified changes in its telephone number and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Telephone:	(381-11) 2025 800
E-mail:	zis@zis.gov.rs
Internet:	www.zis.gov.rs

[Updating of Annex B1(RS) 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 April 2011, is ZAR 14,980.

[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 April 2011, is ZAR 15,730.

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

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 June 2010, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	RSD 5,340
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RSD 1,280 for the first document up to 10 pages
	plus RSD 320 for each subsequent document up to 10 pages
	plus RSD 30 per page in excess of 10

Fee for requesting restoration
of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)): RSD 2,140

These amounts are reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 June 2010, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 5,340
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	RSD 530
Examination fee:	RSD 16,030
Annual fee for the first three years:	RSD 7,480

For petty patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 5,340
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These amounts are reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

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

TR Turkey

The **Turkish Patent Institute** has notified the deletion of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) payable to the Office as receiving Office, with effect from 1 January 2011 for international applications filed on or after that date.

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

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GT Guatemala

The **Registry of Intellectual Property** has notified changes in its telephone number, which now reads: (502) 232 470 70 (extension 109).

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

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULE 23*bis*.3

GT Guatemala

Under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(ii), the **Registry of Intellectual Property**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “unintentionality” criterion in addition to the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

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

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FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media in addition to the 3.5 inch diskette: CD-R, DVD-R.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

GT Guatemala

Information on the requirements of the **Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala)** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (GT), which is published on the following pages.

NI Nicaragua

Information on the requirements of the **Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (NI), which is published on the following pages.

OM Oman

Information on the requirements of the **Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (OM), which is published on the following pages.

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

**GT REGISTRY OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY GT
(GUATEMALA)**

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	Spanish
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?	Yes
National fee:	Currency: Quetzal (GTQ) For patent: Filing fee: ¹ GTQ 2,500 For utility model: Filing fee: ¹ GTQ 1,000
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished 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 ³ Translation of the international application to be furnished in two copies ³ Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Guatemala Power of attorney if an agent is appointed 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 three months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

GT REGISTRY OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY GT
(GUATEMALA)

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Who can act as agent?

Any attorney registered in Guatemala

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

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

**NI REGISTRY OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY NI
(NICARAGUA)**

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	Spanish
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: Córdoba Oro (NIO) For patent: Filing fee: ¹ NIO 200 For utility model: Filing fee: ¹ NIO 100
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	The national fee is reduced by 75% where the application is filed by a natural person
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished 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 where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application ^{2,3} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant ³ Translation of the international application to be furnished in three copies ³ Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Nicaragua Power of attorney if an agent is appointed 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.

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

NI REGISTRY OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY NI
(NICARAGUA)

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Who can act as agent?

Any attorney registered in Nicaragua

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

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

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**OM INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DEPARTMENT, OM
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**

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
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Request, 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): Request, 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: Omani rial (OMR) For patent: Filing fee: OMR 300 (200) ² For utility model: Filing fee: OMR 300 (200) ²
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 The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by an individual.

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

**OM INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DEPARTMENT, OM
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**

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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}

Declaration justifying the applicant’s right to the patent where the applicant is not the inventor^{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)

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Oman

Power of attorney if an agent is appointed

Translation of the international application to be furnished in three copies

Copy of extract from the commercial register where the inventor is a company

Declaration concerning non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty, such as disclosures resulting from abuse, disclosures at certain exhibitions and disclosures by the applicant during a certain period of time^{3,4}

Who can act as agent?

Any 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 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 fixed in the invitation.

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VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau** acting for the **Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)** has specified the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), 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 Saint Vincent and the Grenadines with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect from 10 March 2011.

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

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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 May 2011, is ZAR 16,550.

[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 May 2011, is ZAR 17,380.

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

LV Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Latvian lat (LVL)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2011, are LVL 48.80 and LVL 12.20, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(LV) 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 13bis.7(b), the **Patent Office (India)** has notified the International Bureau 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 from 9 April 2011, as follows:

Microbial Culture Collection (MCC)
National Centre for Cell Science (NCCS)
University of Pune Campus, Ganeshkhind
Pune-411007, Maharashtra
India

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Patent Office** has notified changes in the name of the Office, in its mailing address, in its telephone number and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Name of Office:	Szellemi Tulajdon Nemzeti Hivatala – Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 552, 1374 Budapest, Hungary
Telephone:	(36-1) 312 44 00
E-mail:	sztnh@hipo.gov.hu
Internet:	www.hipo.gov.hu

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

MY Malaysia

The **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Malaysian ringgit (MYR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 15 February 2011, are as follows:

	Electronic filing	Paper filing
Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):		
For the first 30 sheets:	MYR 500	MYR 550
Plus, for each sheet in excess of 30:	MYR 60	MYR 70
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):		
For the first 5 pages:	MYR 100 per page	
Plus, for each page in excess of 5:	MYR 3 per page	

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Malaysian ringgit (MYR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, also applicable since 15 February 2011, as follows:

	Electronic filing	Paper filing
Filing fee:	MYR 260	MYR 290
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	MYR 20	MYR 20

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

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – 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 amendments to Annex A thereof. These amendments entered into force on 10 March 2011. 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:
United States of America, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;
- (ii) the following States for which it will act, 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, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;
- (iii) [no change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, which now reads as follows:

Government Complex-Daejeon,
189 Cheongsu-ro, Seo-gu,
Daejeon 302-701,
Republic of Korea

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2011, are EUR 1,785 for each of the fees.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **Korean won (KRW)**, **Singapore dollar (SGD)**, **US dollar (USD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2011, are as follows:

CHF	2,376	
KRW	2,166,000	
SGD	3,210	
USD	2,443	
ZAR	15,730	(supersedes the amount published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 10 February 2011, page 24)

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

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

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 Organization¹ – Amendment

The **Austrian Patent Office** has stated its preparedness to carry out supplementary international searches. The amended Agreement between the Office and the International Bureau of WIPO containing provisions concerning supplementary international search (see Articles 3(4) and 11(3)(iv), Annex C, Parts I and II, and Annex E thereof), as well as further amendments to Parts I and II of Annex C notified in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) and Article 11(4) thereof, as in force since 1 April 2011, is set out below.

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

in relation to the functioning of the Austrian Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Federal Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria 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 Austrian 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:

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_at.pdf.

- (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 Austrian 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.

(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.

(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*, covering at least the documentation referred to in Annex E to this Agreement, subject to any limitations and conditions set out in that Annex.

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 B 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 C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C 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 C 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 solely the International Patent Classification.

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 D.

Article 8 International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9 Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2008.

Article 10 Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, 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 schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications and information concerning supplementary international searches contained in Annex E to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, 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 C, 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, 2017:

- (i) if the Federal Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria 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 Federal Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria 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:
the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations, provided that the Republic of Austria, in accordance with its obligations undertaken within the framework of the European Patent Organisation, has concluded with those States an agreement for that purpose;
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
English, French, German, Hungarian, Russian.

Annex B 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:

all subject matter searched or examined under the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of the Austrian Patent Law.

Annex C Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,785 ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,785 ²
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	1,700
– of only European and North American documentation	1,190
– of only German-language documentation	850
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,675 ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,675 ²
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	220
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	0.95

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.

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 search fee has not been reduced³ and where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, the search fee shall be refunded to the following extent, depending on the extent to which the Authority benefits from the earlier search:

- where the earlier search was carried out by the Authority: refund of 75%;
- where the earlier search was carried out by another International Searching Authority: refund of 50%;
- where the earlier search was carried out by another Patent Office: refund of 25%.

(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.

(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).

Annex D Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

English, French and German, noting that the language of correspondence shall be the language in which the international application is filed or translated, as the case may be.

³ 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.

Annex E
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in, or translations furnished into, English, French or German.

(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) German-language documentation.

(3) The Authority shall notify the International Bureau if a demand for supplementary international search exceeds available resources and also when normal conditions have been reestablished.

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FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

UA Ukraine

In accordance with Section 102*bis*(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **State Department of Intellectual Property (SDIP), Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine** as receiving Office has notified that it is prepared to receive, since 1 March 2011, any international application filed under Section 102*bis*(a) with a PCT-EASY request and one of the following PCT-EASY physical media: CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD or DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(UA) 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 May 2011, is ZAR 17,380.¹

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

CL Chile

The **National Industrial Property Institute** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Chilean peso (CLP)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 April 2011, is CLP 130.

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

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (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 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK	168,800
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK	1,900

¹ This amount supersedes the amount published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 17 March 2011, page 39.

Reductions (under PCT Schedule
of Fees, item 4):

PCT-EASY:	ISK	12,700
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	ISK	25,400
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	ISK	38,100

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

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CH Switzerland

The **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, which now reads as follows:

Stauffacherstrasse 65/59g,
3003 Bern,
Switzerland

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CH Switzerland

The **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified the deletion of the fee for the priority document payable to it as receiving Office (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), with effect since 1 January 2007.

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

CL Chile – Corrigendum

The information concerning the currency in which the new amount of the transmittal fee is payable to the **National Industrial Property Institute** as receiving Office, as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 April 2011, page 55, was erroneous. This fee is payable in the equivalent in **Chilean peso (CLP)** of **US dollars (USD)** 130.

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

RU Russian Federation

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 **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2011, is USD 477.

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

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

CH Switzerland

Under PCT Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property**, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d) and a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49ter.2(d), in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively. The amount of each of the fees, applicable since 1 January 2007, is CHF 500.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CH Switzerland

The **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified the deletion of one of the special requirements of the Office under PCT Rule 51bis. The Office no longer requires a declaration of inventorship and concerning the right of the applicant to a patent.

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

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WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(a)

HU Hungary

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(a) (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006, of 1 June 2006, page 15986), the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 28 February 2011. PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 therefore apply since that date.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(b)

HU Hungary

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(b) (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006, of 1 June 2006, page 15988), the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 28 February 2011. PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 therefore apply since that date.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 26bis.3(j)

HU Hungary

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 26bis.3(j) (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006, of 1 June 2006, page 15988), the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 21 December 2010. PCT Rule 26bis.3(a) to (i) therefore applies since that date.

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

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49ter.1(g)

HU Hungary

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.1(g) (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006, of 1 June 2006, page 15990), the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 21 December 2010. PCT Rule 49ter.1(a) to (d) therefore applies since that date.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49ter.2(h)

HU Hungary

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.2(h) (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006, of 1 June 2006, page 15990), the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 21 December 2010. PCT Rule 49ter.2(a) to (g) therefore applies since that date.

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

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

HU Hungary

Under PCT Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, both in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

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

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 51bis.2(c)

HU Hungary

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 51bis.2(c) (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2001, of 1 February 2001, page 2024), the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 28 February 2011. PCT Rule 51bis.2(a)(ii) therefore applies since that date.

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

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 51*bis*.3(c)

HU Hungary

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 51*bis*.3(c) (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2001, of 1 February 2001, page 2026), the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 28 February 2011. PCT Rule 51*bis*.3(a) therefore applies since that date.

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

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TR Turkey

The **Turkish Patent Institute** has notified a change in its Internet address, which now reads as follows: www.tpe.gov.tr

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 April 2011, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	ISK 15,000
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ISK 4,000
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	ISK 24,000

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49^{ter}.2(d), in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable since 1 April 2011, is ISK 24,000.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EG Egypt

Following the notification by the **Egyptian Patent Office** of the possibility of an extension of the time limits applicable for entry into the national phase (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 February 2010, page 46, and of 25 February 2010, page 54), the Office has notified the withdrawal of this notification of extension. The 30-month time limits applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(1) and Article 39(1)(a) may therefore not be extended.

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

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULE 26*bis*.3

TR Turkey

Under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(i), the **Turkish Patent Institute**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “unintentionality” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

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

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QA Qatar

On 3 May 2011, **Qatar** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 3 August 2011, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 3 August 2011 will automatically include the designation of Qatar (country code: QA).

Qatar 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 3 August 2011. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Qatar will be entitled, as from 3 August 2011, to file international applications under the PCT.

The instrument of accession to the PCT deposited by Qatar contained a declaration under PCT Article 64(5).

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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

AT Austria

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.

On 11 April 2011, the **Austrian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 June 2011, 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)

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

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R, 3.5 inch diskette or DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.1, 4.3 and 4.5)

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)):

- EPO online filing software
- PCT-SAFE 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 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. 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 am and 2.00 pm Monday to Friday excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at +43 1 53 424 76
- by fax at +43 1 53 424 535
- by e-mail at info@patentamt.at

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 (www.patentamt.at).

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)):

- European Patent Office CA (www.epoline.org/portal/public)
- 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)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

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AU Australia

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 **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2011, is USD 2,084.

[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 dollar (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 2011, is USD 1,687.

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

EG Egypt

The **Egyptian Patent Office** has notified a new amount of the examination fee component of the national fee for patents, in **Egyptian pound (EGP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable since 13 March 2011, is EGP 7,000. Students are exempt from paying the examination fee.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EG), 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 August 2011, is ISK 294,000.

[Updating of Annex D(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 **US dollar (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	USD 114
Fee for priority document (PCT Rules 17.1(b) and 21.2):	USD 57
	Supplement for airmail:
	USD 11

[Updating of Annex C(IB) 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 reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY 125,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY 1,400
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	JPY 9,400
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	JPY 28,200

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

In addition, 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 August 2011, is JPY 18,800.

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

JP Japan IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2011, is CHF 1,034.

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

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2011, is ISK 294,000.

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

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RW Rwanda

On 31 May 2011, **Rwanda** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 31 August 2011, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 31 August 2011 will automatically include the designation of Rwanda (country code: RW).

Rwanda 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 31 August 2011. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Rwanda will be entitled, as from 31 August 2011, to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (*as in force from 1 January 2011*) – **Corrigendum**

The French versions only of modified paragraphs 2(i-*bis*) and 3*bis* of Annex C of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT in force from 1 January 2011, as published in the *Notifications officielles (Gazette du PCT)* of 20 January 2011, pages 7 and 8, were incorrect. The corrected versions are being published in the *Notifications officielles (Gazette du PCT)* of 9 June 2011, pages 82 and 83.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011, are KRW 2,204,000 and ZAR 14,090, respectively.

[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 **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2011, is CHF 285.

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

GB United Kingdom

New equivalent amounts in **pound sterling (GBP)** have been established for the international filing fee, 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 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	GBP 929
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	[No change]
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	GBP 140
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	GBP 209

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

KR Republic of Korea

New equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** 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 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	KRW 1,647,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	KRW 19,000
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	KRW 124,000
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	KRW 371,000

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** and **Swiss franc (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 September 2011, are AUD 1,121 and CHF 1,050, respectively, for international applications filed in English, and AUD 388 and CHF 363, respectively, for international applications filed in Korean.

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

In addition, 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 September 2011, is KRW 248,000.

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

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Norwegian krone (NOK)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2011, is NOK 750.

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

RU Russian Federation

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 September 2011, is USD 229.

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

US United States of America

New equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** 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 September 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	USD	1,520
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD	17
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	USD	114
Electronic filing (the request not in character coded format):	USD	114
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD	229

Electronic filing (the request,
description, claims and abstract
in character coded format): USD 343

[Updating of Annexes C(AM), C(AP), C(AZ), C(BH), C(BW), C(BY), C(BZ), C(CL), C(CO), C(CR), C(CU), C(DO), C(EA), C(EC), C(EG), C(GE), C(GH), C(GT), C(HN), C(IB), C(IL), C(IN), C(KE), C(KG), C(KZ), C(LR), C(MD), C(NI), C(PE), C(PG), C(PH), C(RU), C(SC), C(SV), C(SY), C(TJ), C(TM), C(TT), C(UA), C(US), C(UZ), C(ZM) and C(ZW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **New Zealand dollar (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 2011, are CHF 1,820 and NZD 2,620, respectively.

[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 September 2011, is USD 229.

[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 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 August 2011, is ISK 294,000.

[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 one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR 10,530
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR 120
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	ZAR 790

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

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CN China

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** has notified the deletion of the maintenance fee component of the national fee for patents payable to it as designated (or elected) Office.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CN China

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** has notified changes concerning:

– whether an agent is required by it as receiving Office – while an agent is not required if the first-named applicant resides in China, one is required if the first-named applicant is a non-resident;

– its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office or as designated (or elected) Office – any of the patent agencies legally incorporated in China can act as such (a list of patent agencies may be obtained from the Office);

– the required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 39(1) – they shall consist of the request, the description, the claims, any text matter of drawings and the 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, if the applicant wishes the amendments to form the basis for the proceedings);

– whether a copy of the international application is required by it as designated (or elected) Office – the applicant should only send a copy of the international application if the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20 (the requirement concerning the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region has not changed);

– the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee – no filing fee or additional filing fee is payable if the international application has been filed with the Office as receiving Office; the examination fee is reduced by 20% where the international search report has been issued by the Japan Patent Office, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office or the European Patent Office; and no examination fee is payable if the international search report and the international preliminary report on patentability have been issued by the Office.

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

FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified changes in its mailing and e-mail addresses, as follows:

Mailing address:	P.O. Box 1140, 00101 Helsinki, Finland
E-mail:	registry@prh.fi

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

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LT Lithuania

The **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** has notified a change in its Internet address, which now reads as follows: www.vpb.lt/index.php?l=EN

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

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)** has notified changes in its e-mail addresses, which now read as follows:

rospatent@rupto.ru (general)
ro-ru@rupto.ru (as receiving Office)
pct-peo@rupto.ru (as International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority)

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)** has notified that an agent is no longer required by it as receiving Office

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

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD, DVD-R.

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

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

RU Russian Federation

Under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)**, in its capacities as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney.

The Office, acting in all of the capacities outlined above, has also indicated the particular instances in which a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney is required, i.e., where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing, or in case of doubt as to the agent's entitlement to act.

[Updating of Annexes C, D, SISA and E(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified a change in its mailing address, which now reads as follows:

P.O. Box 1160,
00101 Helsinki,
Finland

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Following the notification by the **Austrian Patent Office** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect since 1 June 2011 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 19 May 2011, pages 71 *et seq.*), equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect since the same date, as follows:

Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):

Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR	150
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR	225

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

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2011, is CHF 1,003.

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

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Brazilian real (BRL)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 September 2011, is BRL 379.

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

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **new Israel shekel (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2011, are ILS 556 and ILS 88, respectively.

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **new Israel shekel (ILS)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2011, is ILS 1,064.

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

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** 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 September 2011¹, are CHF 2,182 and ZAR 17,380, respectively.

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

CA Canada

New equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollar (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), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CAD	1,546
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CAD	17
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	CAD	116
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	CAD	233
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	CAD	348

[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 franc (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 September 2011, is CHF 1,376.

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

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Canadian dollar (CAD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 September 2011, is CAD 233.

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

¹ In the case of the amount in ZAR, this date replaces the date of 1 May 2011 indicated in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 April 2011, page 55.

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 September 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	DKK	8,120
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	DKK	90
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	DKK	610
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	DKK	1,220
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	DKK	1,830

[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 September 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	EUR	1,088
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR	12
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	EUR	82
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR	164
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format)	EUR	245

[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 franc (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 September 2011, is CHF 2,182.

[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 September 2011, is EUR 164.

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

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified new equivalent amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) and of the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b)), in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and as Authority specified for supplementary search, respectively. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011, are CHF 2,182 for each of the fees.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

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 September 2011, is DKK 1,220.

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

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (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 September 2011, are as follows:

For a search of the European and
North American documentation only: CHF 1,455

For a search of the German-language
documentation only: CHF 1,039

For a search of the PCT
minimum documentation only: CHF 2,078

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (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 September 2011, is CHF 2,182.

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

ES Spain

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** as an International Searching Authority for the purposes of those receiving Offices which have prescribed the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment for an international search by that Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2011, is CHF 2,182.

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

FI Finland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2011, is CHF 2,182.

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

FI Finland
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2011, is CHF 2,182.

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

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (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 October 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK 184,200
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK 2,100
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	ISK 13,800
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	ISK 27,700
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	ISK 41,500

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (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 October 2011, are NZD 1,487 for international applications filed in English and NZD 515 for international applications filed in Korean.

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

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts in **Norwegian krone (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 one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NOK	8,690
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NOK	100
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	NOK	650

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2011, is CHF 400.

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (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 2011, are CHF 280 and CHF 400¹.

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

¹ 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).

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), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SEK	10,240
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SEK	120
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	SEK	770
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	SEK	1,540
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	SEK	2,310

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

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Swedish krona (SEK)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 October 2011, is SEK 1,540.

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

SG Singapore

New equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollar (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), as well as for one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SGD	1,973
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SGD	22
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	SGD	148

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2011, is CHF 2,182.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2011, is CHF 2,182.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) 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 interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to Sections 602 and 607, as well as to paragraphs 2(i-bis), 3bis, 3ter and 4bis of Annex C, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as set out below, are promulgated with effect from 1 July 2011.

The modifications to Sections 602 and 607 are consequential to amendments of the Regulations under the PCT (PCT Rules 48.2 and 70.16) which entered into force on 1 July 2011 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 3 February 2011, pages 17 *et seq.*). The modifications to paragraphs 2(i-bis), 3bis, 3ter and 4bis of Annex C are intended to delete all references in Annex C to sequence listings included in the international application by way of a rectification under PCT Rule 91.

All modifications are applicable to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2011.

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions (PCT/AI/13) as in force from 1 July 2011 is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai.pdf.

TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (as in force from 1 July 2011)

Section 602 Processing of Amendments by the International Preliminary Examining Authority

(a) The International Preliminary Examining Authority shall:

(i) and (ii) [no change]

(iii) keep in its files any replaced sheet, any replacement sheet, whether or not superseded, any letter accompanying such sheets and any letter referred to in the last sentence of Rule 66.8(b);

(iv) where any superseded replacement sheet and letter relating to such superseded replacement sheet are to be annexed to the international preliminary examination report under Rule 70.16(b), indelibly mark, in addition to the markings referred to in items (i) and (ii), in the middle of the bottom margin of each superseded replacement sheet and of each letter relating to a superseded replacement sheet, without obscuring the marking made under item (ii), the words “SUPERSEDED REPLACEMENT SHEET (RULE 70.16(b))” or, as applicable, the words “ACCOMPANYING LETTER (RULE 70.16(b))”;

(v) annex to the copy of the international preliminary examination report which is transmitted to the International Bureau any replacement sheet and letter as provided for under Rule 70.16;

(vi) annex to the copy of the international preliminary examination report which is transmitted to the applicant a copy of each replacement sheet and letter as provided for under Rule 70.16.

(b) to (d) [No change]

Section 607
Rectifications of Obvious Mistakes under Rule 91

(a) Where the International Preliminary Examining Authority authorizes a rectification of an obvious mistake under Rule 91, it shall:

(i) indelibly mark, in the upper right-hand corner of each replacement sheet, the international application number and the date on which that sheet was received;

(ii) indelibly mark, in the middle of the bottom margin of each replacement sheet, the words “RECTIFIED SHEET (RULE 91)” or their equivalent in the language of the demand as well as an indication of the International Preliminary Examining Authority as provided for in Section 107(b);

(iii) indelibly mark on the letter containing the rectification or accompanying any replacement sheet the date on which that letter was received;

(iv) keep in its files a copy of the letter containing the rectification or, when the rectification is contained in a replacement sheet, the replaced sheet, a copy of the letter accompanying the replacement sheet and a copy of the replacement sheet;

(v) annex to the copy of the international preliminary examination report which is transmitted to the International Bureau any replacement sheet and any letter as provided for under Rule 70.16;

(vi) annex to the copy of the international preliminary examination report which is transmitted to the applicant a copy of each replacement sheet and any letter as provided for under Rule 70.16.

(b) Where the rectification of an obvious mistake is not taken into account by the International Preliminary Examining Authority pursuant to Rule 66.4*bis*, and the Authority so indicates in the international preliminary examination report in accordance with Rule 70.2(e), it shall proceed as indicated under paragraph (a), provided that the words “RECTIFIED SHEET (RULE 91) – NOT CONSIDERED FOR REPORT (RULE 66.4*bis*)” shall be used when marking in accordance with paragraph (a)(ii).

(c) Where the rectification of an obvious mistake is not taken into account by the International Preliminary Examining Authority pursuant to Rule 66.4*bis*, and the Authority is not able to so indicate in the international preliminary examination report in accordance with the second sentence of Rule 70.2(e), it shall proceed as indicated under paragraph (a)(i) to (iv) and forward any replacement sheet and any letter containing the rectification or accompanying any replacement sheet to the International Bureau. The International Bureau will promptly notify the elected Offices accordingly.

ANNEX C
STANDARD FOR THE PRESENTATION
OF NUCLEOTIDE AND AMINO ACID SEQUENCE LISTINGS
IN INTERNATIONAL PATENT APPLICATIONS UNDER THE PCT

INTRODUCTION

1. [No change]

DEFINITIONS

2. For the purposes of this Standard:

- (i) [No change]

(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), 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*) [no change]

- (ii) to (viii) [No change]

SEQUENCE LISTINGS

Sequence Listing Forming Part of the International Application

3. [No change]

3*bis*. Any correction under Rule 26, rectification under Rule 91 or amendment under Article 34(2) of the description submitted in relation to a sequence listing contained in the international application filed on paper 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 filed on paper shall be submitted in accordance with Rule 26.4, Rule 91 or Rule 66.8, respectively.

3*ter*. 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 contained in the international application filed in electronic form 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 filed in electronic form shall be submitted in the form of a sequence listing in electronic form comprising the entire listing with the relevant correction, rectification or amendment. Any such sequence listing:

- (i) to (iii) [No change]

Sequence Listing Not Forming Part of the International Application

4. [No change]

4*bis*. 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 contained in 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 accompanied, for the purposes of the international search or international preliminary examination, by a sequence listing in electronic form in an electronic document format in accordance with paragraph 39, comprising the entire listing including any such correction, rectification or amendment, whenever this is required by the competent authority, unless such listing in electronic form is already available to that authority in a form and manner acceptable to it. Any such sequence listing in electronic form:

(i) to (iii) [No change]

(iv) shall be identical to the corrected or amended sequence listing and be accompanied by a statement that “the information recorded in electronic form furnished under Rule 13*ter* is identical to the corrected sequence listing” (or to the “amended sequence listing”, as the case may be).

Where such sequence listing in electronic form and, where applicable, such statement is not available to the competent authority, any such correction, rectification or amendment need only be taken into account by that authority for the purposes of the international search or preliminary examination to the extent that a meaningful search or preliminary examination can be carried out without such sequence listing in electronic form.

5 to 42. [No change]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified a change to the fee for the priority document, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), with effect since 1 June 2011. This fee is now EUR 20, the fee per page component being no longer payable.

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

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti)** has notified a change in the currency of payment of certain fees from **Georgian lari (GEL)** to **US dollar (USD)**, with effect since 3 July 2010. The amounts of these fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) ^{1, 2} :	USD	100
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) ¹ :	USD	30

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti)** has notified a change concerning the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee – the examination and claim fees for a patent are reduced by 50% where an international search report or an international preliminary examination report has been established.

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

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that the days on which **the International Bureau will not be open for business** are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2012, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and
2 January 2012,
6 and 9 April 2012,
17 and 28 May 2012,
6 September 2012,
25 October 2012,
25, 26 and 31 December 2012.

¹ This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person.

² This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant is a student or a pensioner.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other intergovernmental organizations.

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HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has notified changes in its telephone number and its e-mail address, as follows:

Telephone:	(385-1) 6106 100
E-mail:	info@dziv.hr

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes concerning the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent, applicable for international applications filed on or after 1 January 2008 – a published European patent application shall provisionally confer the protection as conferred by a published national patent application under Article 60 of the Patent Law as from the date on which a translation of the published European patent application into the Croatian language has been communicated by the applicant to the person using the invention in Croatia.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has notified a change concerning the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee – the filing fee, the examination fee and the publication and maintenance fees are reduced by 50% where the applicant is also the inventor.

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

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical medium: 3.5 inch diskette.

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

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HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has notified a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d), in **Croatian kuna (HRK)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 5 January 2010, is HRK 300.

[Updating of Annex C(HR) 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 **euro (EUR)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR 82
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 21.2):	EUR 41
	Supplement for airmail: [no change]

No fee for the priority document is due where, in accordance with PCT Rule 17.1(b), this document is prepared for the purposes of an international application, or where the Office is requested to make priority documents available via the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS).

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

QA Qatar

General information on **Qatar** as a Contracting State is given in Annex B1(QA), which is published on pages 114 and 115.

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Information on Contracting States

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QATAR

QA

General information

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Center
Location and mailing address:	P.O. Box 917, Ministry of Justice, Doha, Qatar
Telephone:	(974) 4494 5263, 4494 5273
Facsimile machine:	(974) 4493 1464
E-mail:	aqayed@mbt.gov.qa
Internet:	—
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 Qatar:	Intellectual Property Center or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Qatar is designated (or elected):	Intellectual Property Center
May Qatar be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Qatar concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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Information of interest if Qatar is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Qatar 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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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollar (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 November 2011, is NZD 2,975.

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

GB United Kingdom

New equivalent amounts in **pound sterling (GBP)** have been established for the international filing fee, 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 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	GBP 1,046
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	GBP 12
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	GBP 157
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	GBP 236

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (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 November 2011, are USD 1,233 for international applications filed in English and USD 427 for international applications filed in Korean.

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

TR Turkey

The **Turkish Patent Institute** 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 31 December 2010, as follows:

For patent and utility model:

Filing fee:	TRY	500
First annual fee:		
For patent:	TRY	135
For utility model:	TRY	135
Reinstatement of rights:	TRY	825

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

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

TR Turkey

The **Turkish Patent Institute** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical medium: 3.5 inch diskette.

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

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AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (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), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD	1,699
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD	19
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	AUD	128
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	AUD	256
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	AUD	383

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

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Australian dollar (AUD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2011, is AUD 256.

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

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Colombian peso (COP)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 2 August 2011, is COP 812,000¹.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change in the currency used as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount of the international filing fee in **Colombian peso (COP)**, from **US dollar (USD)** to **Swiss franc (CHF)**, applicable since 2 August 2011, as follows:

International filing fee:	Equivalent in COP of Swiss francs	1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	Equivalent in COP of Swiss francs	15

¹ This fee is reduced by 25% if the applicant is a natural person, a small or medium enterprise, a public or private university recognized by the relevant National Ministry or a non-profit entity promoting the development of scientific and technological research registered with the Chamber of Commerce.

Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):

PCT-EASY: Equivalent in COP of Swiss francs 100

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

US United States of America

New equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** 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 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	USD	1,758
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD	20
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	USD	132
Electronic filing (the request not in character coded format):	USD	132
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD	264
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD	397

[Updating of Annexes C(AM), C(AP), C(AZ), C(BH), C(BW), C(BY), C(BZ), C(CL), C(CO), C(CR), C(CU), C(DO), C(EA), C(EC), C(EG), C(GE), C(GH), C(GT), C(HN), C(IB), C(IL), C(IN), C(KE), C(KG), C(KZ), C(LR), C(MD), C(NI), C(PE), C(PG), C(PH), C(RU), C(SC), C(SV), C(SY), C(TJ), C(TM), C(TT), C(UA), C(US), C(UZ), C(ZM) and C(ZW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2011, is USD 264.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified a change in the number of copies required by it as receiving Office under PCT Rule 11.1(b). Two copies must now be filed instead of three.

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

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD, DVD-R.

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

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PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office (Philippines)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Location and mailing address: G/F, 2/F, 14/F, 16/F
Intellectual Property Center,
World Finance Plaza,
#28 Upper McKinley Road,
McKinley Hill Town Center,
Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City,
1634 Philippines

Telephone: (632) 238-6300

Facsimile machine: (632) 553-9480

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

GB United Kingdom

The **United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office)** has notified a clarification concerning the copies required by it as receiving Office under PCT Rule 11.1(b). When less than the three required paper copies are furnished, the applicant will not be charged copying costs and no penalties will apply for failing to supply the required number of copies.

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

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

GB United Kingdom

Following the promulgation of modifications to Sections 706 and 710 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT with effect since 1 July 2008 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 24 April 2008, pages 45 *et seq.*), the **United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of the replacement with effect from 1 July 2008, in its notification pertaining to the filing and processing in electronic form of international applications (see PCT Gazette No. 32/2004, of 5 August 2004, pages 18092 *et seq.*), of the part relating to the filing of backup copies by the following text relating to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format:

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

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

However, applicants should note that it is still the case that the Office will not accept the filing of backup copies on paper and will not prepare a copy of the international application at the request of the applicant.”

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

RW Rwanda

AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

Rwanda deposited, on 24 June 2011, 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 24 September 2011. Thus, any international application filed on or after 24 September 2011 will include the designation of Rwanda for an ARIPO patent, as well as for a national patent.

Moreover, from 24 September 2011, nationals and residents of Rwanda will be able to file international applications with ARIPO as receiving Office, in addition to the Rwanda Development Board or the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Updating of Annexes B2(AP) and C(AP) 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 **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2011, is CHF 2,022.

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 November 2011, are as follows:

For a search of the European and
North American documentation only: CHF 1,348

For a search of the German-language
documentation only: CHF 963

For a search of the PCT
minimum documentation only: CHF 1,925

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

In addition, new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). These amounts, applicable since 1 September 2011 and from 1 November 2011, respectively, are EUR 164 and EUR 177.

[Updating of Annex E(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 November 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	DKK	8,750
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	DKK	100
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	DKK	660
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	DKK	1,320
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	DKK	1,970

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

EP European Patent Organisation

The new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** 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, applicable since 1 September 2011, that were published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 July 2011, page 94, apply to a number of receiving Offices other than the European Patent Office (EPO), as indicated by their two-letter codes, below.

[Updating of Annexes C(AT), C(BA), C(BE), C(CY), C(CZ), C(DE), C(ES), C(FI), C(FR), C(GR), C(IB), C(IE), C(IT), C(LT), C(LU), C(LV), C(MC), C(MT), C(NL), C(PT), C(SI), C(SK) and C(SM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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 November 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	EUR	1,174
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR	13
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	EUR	88
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR	177
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR	265

[Updating of Annexes C(AT), C(BA), C(BE), C(CY), C(CZ), C(DE), C(EP), C(ES), C(FI), C(FR), C(GR), C(IB), C(IE), C(IT), C(LT), C(LU), C(LV), C(MC), C(MT), C(NL), C(PT), C(SI), C(SK) and C(SM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(d)) and the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3(b)) for an international search and a supplementary international search, respectively, carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, also applicable from 1 November 2011, are CHF 2,022 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annexes D(EP) and SISA(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 November 2011, is EUR 177.

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

ES Spain

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** as an International Searching Authority for the purposes of those receiving Offices which have prescribed the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment for an international search by that Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2011, is CHF 2,022.

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

Furthermore, new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). These amounts, applicable since 1 September 2011 and from 1 November 2011, respectively, are EUR 164 and EUR 177.

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

FI Finland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2011, is CHF 2,022.

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

Furthermore, new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). These amounts, applicable since 1 September 2011 and from 1 November 2011, respectively, are EUR 164 and EUR 177.

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

FI Finland
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2011, is CHF 2,022.

[Updating of Annex D(FI) 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 **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2011, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR 88	USD 132
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 21.2):	EUR 44	USD 66
	Supplement for airmail:	
	EUR 9	USD 13

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

KR Republic of Korea

New equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** 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 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	KRW 1,827,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	KRW 21,000
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	KRW 137,000
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	KRW 412,000

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 November 2011, are CHF 946 for international applications filed in English and CHF 328 for international applications filed in Korean.

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

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2011, is KRW 275,000.

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

RU Russian Federation

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 November 2011, is USD 264.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45**bis**.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2011, is CHF 2,022.

[Updating of Annex SISA(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, also applicable from 1 November 2011, is DKK 1,320.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2011, is CHF 2,022.

[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 one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR 12,200
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR 140
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	ZAR 920

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

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

RU Russian Federation

Agreement between the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendments to Article 11 and Annex C

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(1) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Article 11(2) and (4) thereof.² These amendments entered into force on 1 July 2010. The amended Article 11 reads as follows:

**“Article 11
Amendment**

(1) [No change]

(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) [No change]

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, 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 C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.”

In addition, the Office has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 15 November 2011. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ru.pdf.

² See also the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, pages 29, 30 and 32.

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Russian roubles)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[No change]
Supplementary search fee for a search in accordance with paragraph (3) of Annex E, 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 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	[No change]
Protest fee (Rule 40.2(e))	2,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	[No change]
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)):	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	[No change]
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	[No change]
Protest fee (Rule 68.3(e))	2,000
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c))	[No change]
Cost of copies of cited documents (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 of document contained in the file of the international application (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)** has notified a protest fee under PCT Rule 40.2(e) and a protest fee under PCT Rule 68.3(e), in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and as International Preliminary Examining Authority, respectively. The amount of each of the fees, applicable from 15 November 2011, is RUB 2,000.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

QA Qatar

The **Intellectual Property Center** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 3 August 2011 for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Qatar with the Intellectual Property Center.

RW Rwanda

The **Rwanda Development Board** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 31 August 2011 for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Rwanda with the Rwanda Development Board.

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BE Belgium

The **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** has notified a change in its telephone number, which now reads: (32-2) 277 90 11.

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

CZ Czech Republic

The **Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic)** has notified changes in its telephone numbers, which now read as follows:

(420) 220 383 111 (operator service)
(420) 220 383 459 (PCT Department)

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Romanian leu (ROL)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2006, are ROL 360 and ROL 72, respectively.

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

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified new equivalent amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) and of the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b)), in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and as Authority specified for supplementary search, respectively. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2011, are CHF 2,022 for each of the fees.

[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)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The amounts in parentheses are applicable in case of filing by a "small entity". The new amounts, applicable since 26 September 2011, are as follows:

Basic national fee: USD 380 (190)

Search fee:

- IPER 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 120 (60)
- 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 490 (245)
- All other situations: USD 620 (310)

Examination fee:

- IPER 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 250 (125)

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): USD 310 (155)

Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of three: USD 250 (125)

Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20: USD 60 (30)

In addition, if the application contains one or more multiple dependent claims, per application: USD 450 (225)

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: [No change]

Processing fee for filing English-language translation after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1): [No change]

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

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

BE Belgium

The **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD, DVD-R.

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

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IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has replaced the conditions relating to international applications containing information which relates to military technology or which might be prejudicial to Israeli national security, filed with the International Bureau of WIPO as receiving Office by an applicant from Israel, with the following conditions:

Patent applicants are referred to Section 98 of Israel Patents Law, 5727-1967, that states as follows:

“An Israel national, a permanent resident of Israel or any other person who owes allegiance to the State shall not submit any application abroad for a patent for an invention the subject of which is weaponry or ammunition, or which is otherwise of military value, or for an invention with which Section 95 deals, and he shall not – directly or indirectly – cause a said application to be submitted, unless one of the following applies:

- (1) he received written permission from the Minister of Defense in advance;
- (2) he submitted an application in respect of that invention in Israel and within six months after that application was submitted, the Minister of Defense did not make an order on it under Section 94, or he made such an order, but it is no longer in effect.”

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

LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

The International Bureau has been notified that the name “**Libya**” shall be used instead of the name “Libyan Arab Jamahiriya”, the two-letter code remaining unchanged.

[Updating of Annexes B1(LY) and C(LY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RW Rwanda

General information on Rwanda as a Contracting State is given in Annex B1(RW), which is published on page 145.

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BG Bulgaria

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Bulgarian lev (BGL)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 10 March 2010, is BGL 20.

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

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

IL Israel

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.

On 20 September 2011, the **Israel Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(a) 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 2011, 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)

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

- filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R or DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.3 and 4.5)

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

- 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)):

- PCT-SAFE software

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

- facsimile and text string types of signature (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 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).

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 8.00 am and 4.00 pm Sunday to Thursday excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at (972-2) 5651 707
- by fax at (972-2) 5651 616
- by e-mail at PCT.Customer-serv@justice.gov.il

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

- international applications
- other documents, if any

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)):

Not applicable to filing on a physical medium.

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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Information on Contracting States

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General information

Name of Office:	Office of the Registrar General (Rwanda)
Location and mailing address:	Corner Blvd, de l'Umuganda (Airport Rd), Nyarutarama Road, P.O. Box 6239, Kigali, Rwanda
Telephone:	(250) 252 58 03 38
Facsimile machine:	—
E-mail:	blaise.ruhima@rdb.rw louise.kanyonga@rdb.rw
Internet:	www.rdb.rw www.org.rdb.rw
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 Rwanda:	Office of the Registrar General (Rwanda), African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) ¹ or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Rwanda is designated (or elected):	National protection: Office of the Registrar General (Rwanda) ARIPO protection: ¹ African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) (see National Phase)
May Rwanda be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models ARIPO: ¹ Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to an ARIPO patent)
Provisions of the law of Rwanda concerning international-type search:	Article 33 (Law on the Protection of Intellectual Property)
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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¹ For international applications filed on or after 24 September 2011.

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Information of interest if Rwanda is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Rwanda 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 the
invitation.

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

No

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BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Praça Mauá 7, 3^o Andar, Centro,
CEP 20.081-240,
Rio de Janeiro, RJ,
Brazil

Telephone: (55-21) 3037-3686, 3037-3742,
3037-3318, 3037-3349

Facsimile machine: (55-21) 3037-3319, 3037-3493

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Brazilian real (BRL)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts are BRL 200 and BRL 150, respectively.

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

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

BG Bulgaria

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical medium: 3.5 inch diskette.

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

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

BG Bulgaria

Under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g), the **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria**, both in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

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

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – 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 amendments to Annex A thereof. These amendments, which enter into force on 20 October 2011, consist of the addition of Qatar to the States listed in items (i) and (ii) of the Annex. 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:

United States of America, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

- (ii) the following States for which it will act, 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, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

- (iii) [no change]”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CL Chile

The **National Industrial Property Institute** has notified changes in its telephone numbers, which are now: (56-2) 887 05 50, (56-2) 887 05 51.

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

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

GR Greece

The **Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 April 2010, is EUR 50.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

QA Qatar

The **Intellectual Property Center** has specified the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority, with effect from 20 October 2011, for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Qatar with the Intellectual Property Center.

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CZ Czech Republic

The **Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic)** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD, DVD-R.

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

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AM Armenia

The **Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Armenia** has notified a change concerning the types of national protection available via the PCT – this protection no longer exists for provisional patents and now only applies to patents and utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of a national patent).

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AM Armenia

The **Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Armenia** has notified a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d), in **Armenian dram (AMD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2009, is AMD 10,000.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AM Armenia

The **Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Armenia** has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office or as designated (or elected) Office – any person who is a resident of Armenia can now act as such.

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

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified a change in the number of copies required by it as receiving Office. One copy must now be filed instead of three.

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

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

AM Armenia

The **Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Armenia** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD, DVD-R.

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

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R, CD-ROM.

[Updating of Annex C(ES) 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 changes in its location and mailing address and in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Head Office:	Kneza Domagoja bb, 88000 Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina
	Branch Offices:	Banja Luka: Kralja Petra Prvog Karadjordjevića 83A, 78000 Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina Sarajevo: Hamdije Ćemerlića 2/9, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Telephone:	Head Office:	[unchanged]
	Branch Offices:	(387-51) 22 68 40 (Banja Luka) [unchanged] (Sarajevo)
Facsimile machine:	Head Office:	[unchanged]
	Branch Offices:	(387-51) 22 68 41 (Banja Luka) [unchanged] (Sarajevo)

In addition, the Office has notified changes concerning:

– the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – documents may now be filed by facsimile machine and by e-mail, and the original of the document must now be furnished in all cases, within 15 days from the date of transmission;

– its requirements as to whether 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 – it will now accept such evidence provided that the delivery service is a recognized courier service;

– the types of national protection available via the PCT – this protection now applies to patents and consensual patents.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

The **Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** has notified new amounts of its national fee, in **convertible mark (BAM)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2011, as follows:

Filing and publication fee:	BAM	255
– plus for each page of the application over 30:	BAM	2
– plus for each claim over 10:	BAM	10
Publication fee for granted patent:	BAM	40

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BA), 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 changes in its requirements concerning the contents of the translation for entry into the national phase. The required contents now read as follows:

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)

In addition, the Office has notified a change in its requirement as to whether a copy of the international application is required – it now requires such a copy.

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

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES**

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

The **Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** has notified its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

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 PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
At the time of filing, either in the description or separately	At the time of filing, either in the description or separately	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism
Deposits may be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina 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/).		

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AZ Azerbaijan

The **State Agency for Standardization, Metrology and Patents (Azerbaijan)** has notified changes in the name of the Office, in its location and mailing address, in its telephone and facsimile numbers and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which now read as follows:

Name of Office:	Azərbaycan Respublikasının Standartlaşdırma, Metrologiya və Patent üzrə Dövlət Komitəsi State Committee on Standardization, Metrology and Patents (Azerbaijan)
Location and mailing address:	Mardanov gardashlar 124, AZ 1147 Baku, Azerbaijan
Telephone:	(99-412) 440 37 98, 449 99 59
Facsimile machine:	(99-412) 440 52 24, 440 37 98
E-mail:	azs@azstand.gov.az
Internet:	www.azstand.gov.az

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

PG Papua New Guinea

The **Intellectual Property Office of Papua New Guinea** has notified changes in its location and mailing addresses, in its telephone numbers and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which now read as follows:

Location:	IPA Haus, 1 st Floor, Munidubu St. (corner of Lawes Road and Champion Parade), Konedobu, Port Moresby, National Capital District, Papua New Guinea
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 5053, Boroko, National Capital District, Papua New Guinea P.O. Box 1281, Port Moresby, National Capital District, Papua New Guinea

Telephone : (675) 308 4432, 321 7311
E-mail : registrar.ipopng@ipa.gov.pg
Internet : www.ipopng.gov.pg

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AZ Azerbaijan

The **State Committee on Standardization, Metrology and Patents (Azerbaijan)** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Azerbaijani manat (AZN)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts are AZN 10 and AZN 7, respectively.

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

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee for a patent or a utility model, in **Azerbaijani manat (AZN)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Filing fee (including examination):	AZN	10
Additional fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	AZN	7
Additional fee for each dependent claim in excess of 10:	AZN	7
Annual fee for the third year:	AZN	5

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

IE Ireland

The **Patents Office (Ireland)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which now reads as follows: patlib@patentsoffice.ie

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

LU Luxembourg

The **Intellectual Property Directorate (Luxembourg)** has notified changes in the name of the Office and in its telephone numbers, which now read as follows:

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg) Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Luxembourg)
Telephone:	(352) 247-84113

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 October 2011, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	RSD 6,100
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RSD 1,460 for the first document up to 10 pages
plus	RSD 370 for each subsequent document up to 10 pages
plus	RSD [no change] per page in excess of 10

These amounts are reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable since 1 October 2011, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 6,100
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	RSD 610
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	[no change]
Examination fee:	RSD 18,320
Annual fee for the first three years:	RSD 8,550

For petty patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 6,100
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	[no change]

These amounts are reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

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

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General at the time of the forty-second (18th ordinary) session of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2011, and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, of the fee per sheet over 30 and of the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, have been established, with effect from 1 January 2012, in various currencies, as indicated in the table published on pages 169 to 171.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fees have been established in receiving Offices' currencies for all International Searching Authorities, with effect from 1 January 2012, as indicated in the table published on pages 172 and 173.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the supplementary search fees have been established in Swiss francs for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, with effect from 1 January 2012, as indicated in the table published on page 174.

In the three tables, the new amounts are distinguished from currently applicable amounts by indicating them in bold print.

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

C(AM), (AP), (AT), (AU), (AZ), (BA), (BE), (BH), (BW), (BY), (BZ), (CA), (CL), (CR), (CU), (CY), (CZ), (DE), (DK), (DO), (EA), (EC), (EE), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (FR), (GB), (GE), (GH), (GR), (GT), (HN), (IB), (IE), (IL), (IN), (IS), (IT), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KR), (KZ), (LR), (LT), (LU), (LV), (MC), (MD), (MT), (MW), (NI), (NL), (NO), (NZ), (PE), (PG), (PH), (PT), (RU), (SC), (SE), (SG), (SI), (SK), (SM), (SV), (SY), (TJ), (TM), (TT), (UA), (US), (UZ), (ZA), (ZM) and (ZW),

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E(AT), (AU), (BR), (CA), (EP), (ES), (FI), (JP), (KR), (RU), (SE), (US) and (XN).]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified new components of its transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 15 November 2011. This fee is now as follows:

Transmittal fee:

- Basic portion: USD 240
- Non-electronic filing fee portion for international applications filed on or after 15 November 2011 other than by the Office electronic filing system (regular): USD 400
- Non-electronic filing fee portion for international applications filed on or after 15 November 2011 other than by the Office electronic filing system (small entity): USD 200

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

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Official Closing

Due to an emergency, the **International Bureau** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 27 and 28 October 2011. The next subsequent day on which the International Bureau was open for business was 31 October 2011.

Consequently:

– pursuant to Article 4C(3) of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, if the priority period of any international application intended to be filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office on 27 or 28 October 2011 was due to expire on either of those days, that period is extended until 31 October 2011 for the purposes of the international phase, and

– 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 International Bureau fell on 27 or 28 October 2011, that period is extended so as to expire on 31 October 2011.

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2012)

Country/ Regional Office	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 03.10.11	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) and (b)	Item 4(c)	Item 4(d)	
Currency							
Reference currency Swiss franc		1'330	15	100	200	300	200 Current amount
AT - Austria Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	177 165	265 247	177 165 Current amount* New amount
AU - Australia Australian dollar	0.88279583	1'699 1'507	19 17	128 113	256 227	383 340	256 227 Current amount* New amount
BE - Belgium Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	177 165 Current amount* New amount
BR - Brazil Brazilian real	0.48512771	** **	** **	** **	** **	** **	379 412 Current amount New amount
CA - Canada Canadian dollar	0.87631813	1'546 1'518	17 17	116 114	233 228	348 342	233 228 Current amount New amount
CY - Cyprus Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	177 165 Current amount* New amount
DE - Germany Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	177 165	265 247	177 165 Current amount* New amount
DK - Denmark Danish krone	0.16327903	8'750 8'150	100 90	660 610	1'320 1'220	1'970 1'840	1'320 1'220 Current amount* New amount
EE - Estonia Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	177 165 Current amount* New amount
EP - European Patent Office Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	n.a. n.a.	177 165	265 247	177 165 Current amount* New amount
ES - Spain Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	177 165	265 247	177 165 Current amount* New amount
FI - Finland Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	n.a. n.a.	177 165	265 247	177 165 Current amount* New amount
FR - France Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	177 165	265 247	177 165 Current amount* New amount

* Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2011.

** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Brazilian real of the amounts in Swiss franc indicated above.

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2012)

Country/ Regional Office Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 03.10.11	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	Current amount
				Item 4(a) and (b)	Item 4(c)	Item 4(d)		
Reference currency Swiss franc		1'330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
GB - United Kingdom Pound sterling	1.41615198	1'046 939	12 11	n.a. n.a.	157 141	236 212	n.a. n.a.	Current amount* New amount
GR - Greece Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	177 165	Current amount* New amount
IB - International Bureau Swiss franc Euro US dollar	0.91517409	** ** **	** ** **	** ** **	** ** **	** ** **	** ** **	Current amount* New amount
IE - Ireland Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	177 165	Current amount* New amount
IS - Iceland Icelandic krona	0.00774258	184'200 171'800	2'100 1'900	13'800 12'900	27'700 25'800	41'500 38'700	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
IT - Italy Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	177 165	Current amount* New amount
JP - Japan Japanese yen	0.01193647	125'000 111'400	1'400 1'300	9'400 8'400	n.a. n.a.	28'200 25'100	18'800 16'800	Current amount New amount
KR - Republic of Korea Korean won	0.00077486	1'827'000 1'716'000	21'000 19'000	137'000 129'000	n.a. n.a.	412'000 387'000	275'000 258'000	Current amount* New amount
LU - Luxembourg Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	177 165	Current amount* New amount
MW - Malawi Malawian kwacha	0.00558030	210'800 238'300	2'400 2'700	15'800 17'900	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
NL - Netherlands Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	177 165	265 247	177 165	Current amount* New amount
NO - Norway Norwegian krone	0.15618294	8'690 8'520	100 100	650 640	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
NZ - New Zealand New Zealand dollar	0.69761159	1'844 1'907	21 22	139 143	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount

* Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2011.

** The corresponding equivalent amounts are indicated above for the Swiss franc and the Euro and below for the US dollar.

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2012)

Country/ Regional Office Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 03.10.11	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	Current amount
				Item 4(a) and (b)	Item 4(c)	Item 4(d)		
PT - Portugal Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	177 165	Current amount* New amount
SE - Sweden Swedish krona	0.13344882	10'240 9'970	120 110	770 750	1'540 1'500	2310 2'250	1'540 1'500	Current amount New amount
SG - Singapore Singapore dollar	0.69830397	1'973 1'905	22 21	148 143	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
SI - Slovenia Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	177 165	Current amount* New amount
SK - Slovakia Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	177 165	265 247	177 165	Current amount* New amount
US - United States of America US dollar	0.91517409	1'758 1'453	20 16	132 109	264 219	n.a. n.a.	264 219	Current amount* New amount
ZA - South Africa South African rand	0.11164743	12'200 11'910	140 130	920 900	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount* New amount

* Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2011.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2012)

International Searching Authority	ISA/AT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR		ISA/CA		ISA/CN		ISA/EP		ISA/ES		ISA/FI	
	EUR	1785	AUD	1900	BRL	1900	CAD	1600	CNY	2100	EUR	1785	EUR	1785	EUR	1785
Reference currency & Amount	Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate	
<i>Exchange rates applicable on 03.10.11</i>																
CHF - Swiss franc	1.21518640	2'022 ^{1,2} 2'169 ¹	0.88272583	1'787 ¹ 1'677 ¹	0.48512771	1'003 ¹ 922 ¹	0.87631813	1'376 ¹ 1'402 ¹	0.14545995	285 ¹ 301 ¹	1.21518640	2'022 ² 2'169 ¹	1.21518640	2'022 ² 2'169 ¹	1.21518640	2'022 ² 2'169 ¹
USD - US dollar	0.75311416	2'443 ¹ 2'370 ¹	1.03667095	2'084 1'833	1.88646013	1'122 ¹ 1'007 ¹	1.04434001	1'687 ¹ 1'532 ¹	6.37930019	314 ¹ 329 ¹	0.75311416	2'443 ¹ 2'370 ¹	0.75311416	2'443 ¹ 2'370 ¹	0.75311416	2'443 ¹ 2'370 ¹
EUR - Euro			1.37652032	1'461 ¹ 1'380 ¹	2.50487938	820 ¹ 759 ¹	1.38669549	1'143 ¹ 1'154 ¹	8.47056199	229 ¹ 248 ¹						
AUD - Australian dollar																
DKK - Danish krone																
GBP - Pound sterling																
ISK - Icelandic krona																
JPY - Japanese yen																
KRW - Korean won		2'166'000 2'799'000		2'204'000 2'165'000												
MWK - Malawian kwacha																
NOK - Norwegian krone																
NZD - New Zealand dollar				2'478 2'404												
SEK - Swedish krona			0.79022982	2'404												
SGD - Singapore dollar				2'410 2'400												
ZAR - South African rand			0.09187680	14'090 15'020												

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1 Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.
2 Amount applicable as from November 1, 2011.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2012)

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International Searching Authority	ISA/JP		ISA/KR		ISA/RU		ISA/SE ³		ISA/US		ISA/XN ⁴	
	JPY	Exch. rate	KRW	Exch. rate	RUB	Exch. rate	SEK	Exch. rate	USD	Exch. rate	DKK	Exch. rate
Reference currency & Amount	97000		1300000	450000	13500		16530	2080			13310	
<i>Exchange rates applicable on 03.10.11</i>												
CHF - Swiss franc	1'034 ⁵		946 ^{5,6}	328 ^{5,6}	400 ⁵		2022 ^{5,6}	1820 ⁵			2022 ^{5,6}	
	0.01193647		1'007 ⁵	349 ⁵	0.02813715		2'169 ⁵	1'904 ⁵			2'169 ⁵	
USD - US dollar	1'163 ⁵		1'233 ⁶	427 ⁶	477 ⁵		2443 ⁵				2443 ⁵	
	76.67041311		1'101 ⁵	381 ⁵	32.52547622		2'370 ⁵				2'370 ⁵	
EUR - Euro	850 ⁵		846 ⁵	293 ⁵	324 ⁵		1785	1520 ⁵			1785 ⁵	
	101.80450334		829 ⁵	287 ⁵	43.18797588		1785	1'566 ⁵			1785 ⁵	
AUD - Australian dollar			1'121	388								
			1'139.30205417	395								
DKK - Danish krone							13310					
							13'280					
GBP - Pound sterling												
ISK - Icelandic krona												
JPY - Japanese yen							294000				294000	
							280'000				280'000	
KRW - Korean won	1'306000											
	0.06691506											
MWK - Malawian kwacha												
NOK - Norwegian krone							14350				14350	
							13'890				13'890	
NZD - New Zealand dollar			1'487	515				2620				
			900.31045908	500				0.76237201				
SEK - Swedish krona												
SGD - Singapore dollar			1'520	530								
			901.20401372	500								
ZAR - South African rand												
								0.12199384			14'550	
											17'050	

³ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2012, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

⁴ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2012, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

⁵ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

⁶ Amount applicable as from November 1, 2011.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2012)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT		ISA/EP		ISA/FI		ISA/RU		ISA/SE		ISA/XN					
	Reference currency & Amount	EUR	850 ¹	1'190 ²	1'700 ³	EUR	1'785	EUR	1'785	Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles ⁴	9450	13'500 ⁵	SEK	16'530	DKK	13'310
Exchange rate applicable on 03.10.11 CHF - Swiss franc	Exch. rate	1.21518640	1'033	1'446	2'066	Exch. rate	1.21518640	2'169	Exch. rate	0.02813715	266	380	Exch. rate	2'169 ⁸	2'169 ⁹	

1 For a search of the German-language documentation.

2 For a search of the European or North American documentation.

3 For a full search of 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).

6 This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2012.

7 This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2012.

8 New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2012.

9 New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2012.

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RECEIVING OFFICES

CH Switzerland

The **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – any natural or legal person resident in Switzerland or having an address for service in Switzerland can now act as such.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CH Switzerland

The **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*. The consolidated list of requirements reads as follows:

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application¹

Address for service in Switzerland or appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Switzerland or Liechtenstein²

In addition, the Office has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it. These requirements now read as follows:

Where the applicant has neither a residence nor a principal place of business in Switzerland, an address for service in Switzerland must be indicated (Article 13 of the Federal Law on Patents for Inventions (PatG) within the time limit set out in paragraph 1 of Article 124 of the Ordinance on Patents for Inventions (PatV). If no address for service is indicated within that time limit, the Office will allow an extension of two months to do so. The application will be refused in case of non-observation of that time limit.

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

¹ Must be furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1); however, continuation of the procedure may be requested in case of failure to observe that time limit. This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

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.

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

GR Greece

The **Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD, DVD-R.

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

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

PG Papua New Guinea

Under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g), the **Intellectual Property Office of Papua New Guinea**, both in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified a change concerning the types of national protection available under the PCT – such protection now applies to utility models instead of or in addition to patents.

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

VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

The **Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)** has notified a change in its Internet address, which now reads as follows: www.gov.vc/cipo

In addition, the Office has notified changes concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – documents may now be filed by facsimile machine, and the original of the documents must be furnished in all cases.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2012, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR 82	USD 109
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 21.2):	EUR 41	USD 55
	Supplement for airmail:	
	EUR 8	USD 11

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

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has notified a 50% reduction in the amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), payable to it as receiving Office, where the international application is filed in fully-electronic form. This reduction is applicable since 1 February 2010.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified a change in the number of copies required by it as receiving Office, applicable since 1 November 2011. One copy must now be filed instead of three.

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

DK Denmark

The **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified changes concerning the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent, applicable since 1 January 2009 – after the furnishing of a translation into Danish or, if the international application was filed in Danish, of a copy of the international application as filed, or if the international application is filed in English or translated into English when the claims have been filed in Danish, the applicant is given provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages; these are limited to what is judged reasonable under the circumstances and the protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent (see Sections 33, 58 and 60 of the Patents Act).

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

DK Denmark

The **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a), and since 1 May 2008, it accepts Icelandic, in addition to Danish, English, French, German, Norwegian and Swedish, as a language in which international applications may be filed.

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

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

NO Norway

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.

On 17 November 2011, the **Norwegian Industrial Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 2 January 2012, 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)
- 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))
- filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R or DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.3 and 4.5)

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)):

- PCT-SAFE software
- EPO online filing software

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 (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. 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 am and 15.00 pm Monday to Friday excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at +47 22 38 73 33
- by e-mail at infosenteret@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 (see www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (see 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)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14)), in **new Israel shekel (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2012, is ILS 561.

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **new Israel shekel (ILS)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 January 2012, is ILS 1,075.

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

NO Norway

Following the notification by the **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 2 January 2012 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 15 December 2011, pages 182 *et seq.*), equivalent amounts in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	NOK 1,280
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	NOK 1,920

The Office will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format as from 2 February 2012

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