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

PH Philippines

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office (Philippines)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 30/2006, of 27 July 2006, pages 19028 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing and will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed on physical media and using the PCT-SAFE software, with effect since 4 January 2016. Consequently, since that date, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notification:

“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))

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

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

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

- ePCT-filing

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

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

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

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

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 Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by e-mail at: pct@ipophil.gov.ph

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.ipophil.gov.ph).

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.html)

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

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

RU Russian Federation

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 19 November 2015, the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect since 1 January 2016, as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users concerning applications filed via the ePCT service and subsequently filed documents. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: ro-ru@rupto.ru

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

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

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

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

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

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.rupto.ru or www1.fips.ru).

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

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

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

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RU Russian Federation

Following the notification by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form since 1 January 2016 (see above), equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect since the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	USD	205
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	USD	307

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

RECEIVING OFFICES DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – any natural or legal person resident in Brazil can now act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(BR) and of the National Chapter, Summary (BR), 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 was not, or will not be, open for business** are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2016, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and
1 January 2016,
25 and 28 March 2016,
5 and 16 May 2016,
8 September 2016,
26 and 30 December 2016.

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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DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BB Barbados

The **Corporate Affairs and Intellectual Property Office (Barbados)** has notified a change in one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* – the Office now requires the appointment of a patent agent in all cases.

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

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

BN Brunei Darussalam

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 15 December 2015, the **Brunei Intellectual Property Office (BruiPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 15 January 2016, as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
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As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

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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.

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by e-mail at: epct@bruipo.com.bn

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

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The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.bruipo.com.bn).

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

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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

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

ID Indonesia

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 10 December 2015, the **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 15 January 2016, as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

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

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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)).

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BN Brunei Darussalam

Following the notification by the **Brunei Intellectual Property Office (BruiPO)** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 15 January 2016 (see above), the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees are applicable from the same date. The amounts of these reductions are the equivalent amounts in **Brunei dollar (BND)** of 200 and 300 Swiss francs (CHF), respectively.

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

ID Indonesia

Following the notification by the **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 15 January 2016 (see above), the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees are applicable from the same date. The amounts of these reductions are the equivalent amounts in **Indonesian rupiah (IDR)** of 200 and 300 Swiss francs (CHF), respectively.

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

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

UA Ukraine

Agreement between the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

The **State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 9 of the above-mentioned Agreement, that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, as well as an Authority specified for supplementary search, with effect from 5 February 2016.

The Agreement, which is set out on pages 19 to 26, will enter into force on that date.

Pursuant to the decision of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its forty-fourth (19th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 23 September to 2 October 2013, to appoint the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU) as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority², that appointment will also have effect from 5 February 2016.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

FR France

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, as well as its e-mail address, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	15 rue des Minimes CS50001 92677 Courbevoie Cedex France
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E-mail:	contact@inpi.fr
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[Updating of Annex B1(FR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ The Agreement will soon be available on the WIPO website at:
www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ua.pdf.

² See the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 6 February 2014, page 18.

UA Ukraine

The **State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU)** has notified changes in its location and its mailing address, which are now as follows:

Location: SIPSU, 45, V. Lypkivskoho Street
Kyiv-35, 03680
Ukraine

Mailing address: Ukrainsky Instytut Promyslovoi Vlasnosti
Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute
1, Hlazunova Street
Kyiv 42, 01601
Ukraine

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

US United States of America

Because of a major power outage which resulted in the shutdown of certain of its electronic systems, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 22 to 24 December 2015.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on any of the aforementioned days, that period was extended so as to expire on the next succeeding business day which was not a Saturday, Sunday or a Federal holiday, that is, 28 December 2015.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2016, are EUR 412 when filing online and EUR 617 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) 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 **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2016, are EUR 70 and EUR 10.68, respectively.

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

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified new amounts of several fees, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 June 2015, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) ³ :	RSD 7,300	
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RSD 1,750	for the first document up to 10 pages, plus
	RSD 440	for each subsequent document up to 10 pages, plus
	[No change]	per page in excess of 10
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	RSD 2,930	

[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 June 2015, as follows⁴:

For a patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 7,300
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	RSD 720
Reduced examination fee for international applications:	RSD 7,300
Annual fee for the first three years:	RSD 10,230

For a petty patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 7,300
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[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (RS), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

³ This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

⁴ The fees are reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

RECEIVING OFFICES

UA Ukraine

The **State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU)** has specified itself, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Ukraine with the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 5 February 2016, the date on which the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU) will start functioning as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

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

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

LV Latvia

Under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), the **Latvian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it waives the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney, with effect since 1 January 2016.

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

**Agreement
between the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization**

in relation to the functioning of the State Enterprise
“Ukrainian Institute of Intellectual Property”
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Considering that the State Enterprise “Ukrainian Institute of Intellectual Property” is responsible for patent processing activities on behalf of the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine,

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the State Enterprise “Ukrainian Institute of Intellectual Property”;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2 Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3 Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State, 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, 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 one month after the date on which the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine notifies the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization through diplomatic channels that the Authority is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and an International Preliminary Examining Authority.

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 State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of 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 State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice, through diplomatic channels, to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine written notice, through diplomatic channels, to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt, through diplomatic channels, of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this twenty-seventh day of November two thousand and fifteen, in two originals in the English and Ukrainian languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the State Intellectual Property
Service of Ukraine by:

[signature]

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

[signature]

**Annex A
Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages which it will accept:

English, Russian, German, Ukrainian, French.

**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 Ukrainian national 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))	300
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	300
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a)):	200
– of only European and North American documentation	200
– of only Russian language documentation of the former USSR and Ukrainian language documentation	150
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)	100
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	180
– the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	160
– the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	180
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	180
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	40
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per page	0.7

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 of this Annex shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, carried out in respect of an earlier application by the Authority itself or by another International Searching Authority, 25%-75% of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) When the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, 75% of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be refunded.

(6) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under Rule 45*bis*.5(g).

Annex D Languages of Correspondence

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

English, French, German, Russian and Ukrainian, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated; however, English or Russian may be used in all cases.

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, German, Russian or Ukrainian.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover one of the following levels of search:

- (i) the documents held in the search collection of the Authority including but not limited to the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34;
- (ii) European and North American documentation;
- (iii) Russian language documentation of the former USSR and Ukrainian language documentation.

(3) If the International Searching Authority competent for the main international search has issued a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv), and the appropriate fee referred to in Annex C is paid, the supplementary international search shall cover at least the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34 in addition to the documentation referred to in paragraph (2) of this Annex.

(4) The State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine shall notify the International Bureau if a demand for supplementary international search exceeds resources available to the Authority and also when normal conditions have been reestablished.

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

CU Cuba

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 7 January 2016, the **Cuban Industrial Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 February 2016, as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by e-mail at: epct@ocpi.cu

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.ocpi.cu).

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

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

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

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

PT Portugal

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 24 January 2013, pages 10 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing and will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed on physical media, with effect from 1 February 2016. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the aforementioned notification:

“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))

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

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

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

- EPO online filing software
- PCT-SAFE software
- ePCT-Filing

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

- facsimile, text string and click wrap types of signature (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: +351 21 881 81 00
- by fax at: +351 21 886 98 59
- by e-mail at: serviço.publico@inpi.pt

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.inpi.pt).

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

- EPO customer CA (see www.epo.org/applying/online-services/security/smart-cards.html)
- Portuguese Electronic ID (see www.scee.gov.pt/ecee/en/)
- WIPO customer CA (see www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

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

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CU Cuba

Following the notification by the **Cuban Industrial Property Office** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 February 2016 (see above), equivalent amounts in **Cuban convertible peso (CUC)** have been established for the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	CUC	205
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	CUC	307

[Updating of Annex C(CU) 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 Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2016, are ILS 551 and ILS 86, 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 Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable since 1 January 2016, is ILS 2,017.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

ID Indonesia

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the Japan Patent Office and the Korean Intellectual Property Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Indonesia with the Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 6 October 2015.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified a change in its requirements concerning the languages of the translation of the international application – the translation is now required into English, and no longer into English or Hebrew.

Furthermore, the Office has notified the removal of two of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* – it no longer requires the furnishing of two copies of the international application (if in English) or of its translation, nor the translation of the international application into English or Hebrew.

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

**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

UA Ukraine

Further to the notification by the **State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU)** that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, as well as an Authority specified for supplementary search, with effect from 5 February 2016 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 21 January 2016, page 16), information on the requirements of the Office in this regard is given in Annexes D(UA), SISA(UA) and E(UA), which are published on the following pages.

D **D**
International Searching Authorities
UA **UA**
STATE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
SERVICE OF UKRAINE (SIPSU)¹

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ²	Euro (EUR)	300
	Swiss franc (CHF)	325
	US dollar (USD)	328
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ³	EUR	300
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	EUR	0.7 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%</p> <p>Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, carried out in respect of an earlier application by the Authority itself or by another International Searching Authority, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search: refund of 25% to 75%</p>	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	EUR	40
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	None	
Languages accepted for international search:	English, French, German, Russian, Ukrainian	
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes	
Types of electronic carrier required:	CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD, DVD-R	
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1, with the exception of all subject matter which is searched in Ukrainian national applications	
Waiver of power of attorney:		
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No	
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No	

¹ As from 5 February 2016.

² This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

³ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

SISA International Searching Authorities SISA
(Supplementary Search)
UA STATE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY UA
SERVICE OF UKRAINE (SIPSU)¹

Fees payable to the International Bureau: ²	Currency: Swiss franc (CHF)
Supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3): ³	– for a search of only the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 108 – for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation: CHF 163 – for a search of only the European and North American documentation: CHF 217
Supplementary search handling fee (PCT Rule 45bis.2):	CHF 200
Late payment fee (PCT Rule 45bis.4(c)):	CHF 100
Fees payable to the Authority:	Currency: Euro (EUR)
Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	EUR 0.7 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the supplementary search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. The International Bureau shall refund this fee where the supplementary search request has not yet been transmitted to the Authority and the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(d)): refund of 100% The Authority shall refund this fee where work has not yet started and the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(e)): refund of 100%
Languages accepted for supplementary international search:	English, French, German, Russian, Ukrainian
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1, with the exception of all subject matter which is searched in Ukrainian national applications
Scope of documentation included in the supplementary international search:	Three scopes of documentation are offered, at the choice of the applicant (see “Fees payable to the International Bureau”)
Limitations on supplementary international search:	The Authority shall notify the International Bureau if the demand for supplementary international search exceeds available resources

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¹ As from 5 February 2016.

² For further details on the payment of fees to the International Bureau, see the WIPO website at www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/special.html

³ This fee is fixed by the Authority in euro and will be revised from time to time to reflect currency fluctuations between the euro and the Swiss franc.

SISA **International Searching Authorities** **SISA**
(Supplementary Search)

UA **STATE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY** **UA**
SERVICE OF UKRAINE (SIPSU)⁴

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Does the Authority require that nucleotide
and/or amino acid sequence listings be
furnished in electronic form
(PCT Rules 13*ter*.1 and 45*bis*.5(c))?

Yes

Types of electronic carrier required:

CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD, DVD-R

Waiver of power of attorney:

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

No

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

No

⁴ See footnote 1.

E **E**
International Preliminary
Examining Authorities
UA **UA**
STATE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
SERVICE OF UKRAINE (SIPSU)¹

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ²	– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority:	EUR	160
	– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority:	EUR	180
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ³		EUR	180
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ⁴		EUR	183
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):		EUR	0.7 per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):		None	
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 75%		
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)): ³		EUR	40
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	English, French, German, Russian, Ukrainian		
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1, with the exception of all subject matter which is examined in Ukrainian national applications		
Waiver of power of attorney:			
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No		
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No		

¹ As from 5 February 2016.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB)).

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

IL Israel

Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Israel Patent 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 1 March 2016. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Israel new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,529
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,529
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,512
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,512
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13 ter .1(c) and 13 ter .2)	454
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document	43

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2016, are EUR 382 when filing online and EUR 573 when filing on paper.

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

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

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 March 2016, is USD 1,147.

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

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 March 2016, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	3,529
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	3,529
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	ILS	43 per document
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	ILS	454

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 March 2016, are CHF 905, EUR 837 and USD 912, respectively.

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

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and also applicable from 1 March 2016, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	ILS	1,512
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	ILS	1,512
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	ILS	43 per document

Fee for copies of documents
contained in the file of the
international application
(PCT Rule 94.2): ILS 43 per document

Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13^{ter}.2): ILS 454

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

PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office (Philippines)** has notified a new component to the fee for the priority document, in **Philippine peso (PHP)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for the priority document: [No change]
plus PHP 1,750 for transmittal of the
priority document

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2016, are CHF 92 and EUR 85 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 383 and EUR 353 for searches carried out in English.

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45^{bis}.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss 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 March 2016, are CHF 162 and CHF 259 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified that it now sends notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications.

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes concerning its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Australia is designated (or elected) – these data may be in the request or must now be furnished within two months from the date of the invitation.

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

TT Trinidad and Tobago

The **Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)** has notified a change in the name of the Office, which is now the following:

Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)

[Updating of Annex B1(TT) 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 2016, is ZAR 31,450.

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

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2016, is ZAR 23,900.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2016, is ZAR 31,640.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2016, are NZD 559 for searches carried out in Korean and NZD 1,616 for searches carried out in English.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2016, are HUF 26,800 and USD 93 for searches carried out in Russian, and HUF 111,100 and USD 388 for searches carried out in English.

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2016, are ZAR 31,430 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 15,710 for a small entity and ZAR 7,860 for a micro entity.

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

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2016, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR 20,680
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR 230
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ZAR 3,110
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ZAR 4,670

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

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

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, which are now as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		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	
None	At the time of filing (as part of the application)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism
<p>An applicant may give notice that the furnishing of a sample of a microorganism shall only be effected prior to the grant of a patent, or to the lapsing, refusal or withdrawal of an application, to a person who is a skilled addressee without an interest in the invention (Regulation 3.25A(2) of the Australian Patents Regulations). The applicant must give notice directly to the Australian Patent Office before the application is made available to the public (normally the international publication date).</p>		

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51 *bis*. The consolidated list of requirements reads as follows:

Name of the inventor if it has not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application¹

Statement or notice as to the applicant’s entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent¹

Statement or notice as to the applicant’s entitlement to claim priority of the earlier application¹

Address for service in Australia (but no representation by an agent is required)

Verification of translation

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

¹ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

US United States of America

Because of bad weather conditions, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 25 and 26 January 2016.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on either of those days, that period was extended so as to expire on the next succeeding business day, which was 27 January 2016.

RECEIVING OFFICES

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Japan Patent Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Japan with the Japan Patent Office, or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 April 2016.

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

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RECEIVING OFFICES

JP Japan

The specification by the **Japan Patent Office** of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Japan with the Japan Patent Office, or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 April 2016 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 18 February 2016, page 49), only applies to international applications filed in English.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified that it is prepared to operate as an International Searching Authority for international applications filed in English with the Japan Patent Office as receiving Office, with effect from 1 April 2016 (see also the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 18 February 2016, page 49, as well as above).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), an equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore. This amount, applicable from the above date, is JPY 186,300.

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

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

LV Latvia

The International Bureau has been notified of a change in the address of the **Microbial Strain Collection of Latvia (MSCL)**, an international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The new address is as follows:

Jelgavas str. 1
Riga, LV-1004
Latvia

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

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CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

ic.contact-contact.ic@canada.ca

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

CN China

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers and has notified its e-mail address, as follows:

Telephone: (86-10) 62 35 66 55 (customer service)
(86-10) 62 08 84 76 (PCT international phase matters)
(86-10) 62 08 83 00 (PCT national phase matters)

Facsimile machine: (86-10) 62 01 94 51 (PCT international phase matters)

E-mail: pct_affairs@sipo.gov.cn

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

HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** has notified changes in its location and its mailing address, which are now as follows:

Location: II. János Pál pápa tér 7.
1081 Budapest
Hungary

Mailing address: P.O. Box 415
1438 Budapest
Hungary

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** 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

Declaration of assignment where the applicant is not the inventor¹

Appointment of an agent if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business within the territory of the European Union or in a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area²

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

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the International Bureau has been notified of the deletion, with effect from 31 March 2016, of the **National Research Center of Antibiotics (NRCA)** from the list of institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made for the purposes of patent procedure.

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

¹ 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.

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

EP European Patent Organisation

Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** 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 1 April 2016. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“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))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,930
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,930
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	875
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	875
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c))	230

Part II. [No change]”

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

JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization² – Amendment to Annex C

The **Japan Patent 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 1 April 2016. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Japanese yen)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	[No change]
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in English)	156,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in English)	126,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)) (for an application in Japanese)	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)) (for an application in English)	58,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in English)	34,000
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document	[No change]

² Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) [No change]

(2) The amount of either 28,000 Japanese yen (for an application in Japanese) or 62,000 Japanese yen (for an application in English) shall be refunded upon request by the applicant where the Authority benefits from one of the following earlier searches to a considerable extent:

(i) and (ii) [no change]

(3) and (4) [No change]”

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 2016, is ZAR 31,450.

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

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2016, is ZAR 23,900.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2016, is EUR 640.

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2016, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	EUR	1,930
Additional fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	EUR	1,930
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e) and 68.3(e)):	EUR	875
Review fee (PCT Rule 45bis.6(c)):	EUR	875
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ter .1(c)):	EUR	230

In addition, and 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 2016, is ZAR 31,640.

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

Finally, the Office has notified changes to some of the components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, applicable from 1 April 2016. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee:

- where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is filed online: [No change]
- where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is not filed online: [No change]

Additional fee for pages in excess of 35: for the 36th and each subsequent page: [No change]

Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated: EUR 585

Extension fee for each extension State (extension of the European patent to Bosnia and Herzegovina or Montenegro): [No change]

Fee for validation of the European patent in:
Morocco: [No change]
Republic of Moldova: [No change]

Claims fee:

- for the 16th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50: [No change]
- for the 51st and each subsequent claim: EUR 585

Search fee:

- for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005: EUR 885
- for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005: EUR 1,300

Fee for further processing:

- in the event of late payment of a fee: [No change]
- other cases: EUR 255

Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing: [No change]

Examination fee:

- for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005: EUR 1,825
- for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up: EUR 1,825
- for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005: EUR 1,635

Renewal fee for the third year: EUR 470

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

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)), the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), the preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)) and the additional preliminary examination fee (Rule 68.3(a)), when an application has been filed in English, in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, payable to it as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2016, are JPY 156,000, JPY 126,000, JPY 58,000 and JPY 34,000, respectively.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change to the conditions for refund and amounts of refund of the search fee payable for an international search carried out by the Office, applicable from 1 April 2016. The consolidated list of these conditions and amounts will read as follows:

Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.

The amount of either 28,000 Japanese yen (for an application in Japanese) or 62,000 Japanese yen (for an application in English) shall be refunded upon request by the applicant where the Authority benefits from one of the following earlier searches to a considerable extent:

- (i) where the international application claims the priority of an earlier international application which has been the subject of an international search made by the Authority, the international search of the earlier international application;
- (ii) the earlier search of a Japanese national application for a patent or for a utility model registration which was filed by the same applicant as that of the international application.

In addition, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **Singapore dollar (SGD)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office** when an application has been filed in English. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2016, are CHF 1,264, SGD 1,839 and USD 1,295, respectively.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2016, are NZD 559 for searches carried out in Korean and NZD 1,616 for searches carried out in English.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2016, are HUF 26,800 for searches carried out in Russian, and HUF 111,100 for searches carried out in English.

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2016, are ZAR 31,430 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 15,710 for a small entity and ZAR 7,860 for a micro entity.

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

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JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out in English by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2016, is EUR 1,158.

Furthermore, also 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, applicable from 1 June 2016, are CHF 615 for searches carried out in Japanese and CHF 1,371 for searches carried out in English.

In addition, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out in Japanese by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2016, is KRW 769,000.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** has notified a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – any authorized representative, such as a Hungarian patent attorney or attorney-at-law or registered European patent attorney¹, can now act as such.

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

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the Israel Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the USPTO, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the United States of America with the USPTO, or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 April 2016.

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

¹ The list of registered patent attorneys is available on the website of the Hungarian Chamber of Patent Attorneys (HCPA) at: www.szabadalmikamara.hu/Index.aspx?MN=Tagok_MindenTag&LN=English

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** has notified a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – any authorized representative, such as a Hungarian patent attorney or attorney-at-law or registered European patent attorney², can now act as such.

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

² See footnote 1.

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EP European Patent Organisation – Corrigendum

The information published in the Official Notices of 17 March 2016, page 59, concerning the new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to the **European Patent Office (EPO)** as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority and applicable from 1 April 2016, was inaccurate. The only new amount applicable from the said date is the protest fee (PCT Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e)). The review fee (PCT Rule 45*bis*.6(c)) applicable from the same date is payable to the Office as International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search).

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

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified a fee for transmitting copies of earlier search and other documents under PCT Rule 12*bis*.1(c), in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The amount of this fee, applicable to international applications filed on or after 1 April 2016, is JPY 1,700.

Also, new equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for a reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2016, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY	151,300
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY	1,700
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	JPY	34,100

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

Furthermore, 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 Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2016, are USD 618 for searches carried out in Japanese and USD 1,378 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(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, applicable from 1 June 2016, is JPY 22,800.

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

Finally, the Office has notified a new amount of the national filing fee for a patent, in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2016, is JPY 14,000.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2016, are SGD 520 for searches carried out in Korean and SGD 1,490 for searches carried out in English.

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

ME Montenegro

The **Intellectual Property Office (Montenegro)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers and e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Rimski trg br. 46 81 000 Podgorica Montenegro
Telephone:	(382) 20 234 591
Facsimile machine:	(382) 20 234 592
E-mail:	ziscg@t-com.me
Internet:	www.ziscg.me

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **Korean won (KRW)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2016, are CHF 1,616, EUR 1,481 and KRW 1,963,000, respectively.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2016, is JPY 233,900.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2016, are AUD 504 for searches carried out in Korean and AUD 1,457 for searches carried out in English.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

ME Montenegro

IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau** ceased to be the only receiving Office for Montenegro on 8 August 2015. The **Intellectual Property Office (Montenegro)** has notified that, since that date, it is acting as receiving Office, in addition to the International Bureau, for nationals and residents of Montenegro.

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

Information on the requirements of the Office as receiving Office is given in Annex C(ME), which is published on the following page.

C **Receiving Offices** **C**
ME **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE** **ME**
(MONTENEGRO)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Montenegro
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	2
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form?	No
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Euro (EUR)
Transmittal fee:	Information not yet available
International filing fee:	EUR 1,219
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR 14
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 5
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	Please refer to the Office
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Montenegro Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any legal or natural person listed in the Register of Representatives maintained by the Office ¹ or any attorney listed in the Directory of the Bar Association of Montenegro
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

¹ Please refer to the Office.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified changes in its telephone numbers and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	Headquarters in Munich: (49-89) 2399-4500 Branch in The Hague: (31-70) 340-4500 Filing Office in Berlin: (49-30) 25901-4500 Customer Services: 00 800 80 20 20 20
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E-mail: support@epo.org

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

MZ Mozambique

The **Industrial Property Institute (IPI) (Mozambique)** has notified new telephone numbers. Its telephone numbers are now as follows:

(258-21) 354 900, (258-82) 301 43 74, (258-84) 300 62 15

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – documents may now be filed by e-mail in addition to facsimile machine.

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

SV El Salvador

The **National Center of Registries (El Salvador)** has notified the deletion of one of its e-mail addresses. Its e-mail address is now as follows:

propiedadintelectual@cnr.gob.sv

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

TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has notified the deletion of one of its telephone numbers. Its telephone number is now as follows:

(66-2) 547 4304

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2016, are CHF 449 and EUR 411 when filing online, and CHF 673 and EUR 617 when filing on paper.

Furthermore, also 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 Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2016, are USD 468 when filing online and USD 701 when filing on paper.

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

MZ Mozambique

The **Industrial Property Institute (IPI) (Mozambique)** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Mozambican metical (MZM)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee:	[No change]
Annual fee for the first year:	MZM 850
Annual fee for the second year:	MZM 1,150

For a utility model:

Filing fee:	MZM 1,850
Annual fee for the first and second year, per year:	MZM 850

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MZ), 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 the amounts of two components of the national fee, in **Eastern Caribbean dollar (XCD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National processing fee:	XCD 1,000
Annual fee for the fourth year:	XCD 200

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – the following persons can now act as such:

In case an agent is required (because the applicant is a non-resident), any patent attorney or attorney-at-law resident in Germany or a national of a member State of the European Union or of a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area authorized to pursue certain professional activities (see Act on the Qualifying Examination for Admission to Practise as a Patent Attorney and Act on the Activities of European Lawyers in Germany); any legal person entitled to practise before the Office (where an applicant wishes to appoint a law firm of representatives, the name of that law firm is to be indicated in Box IV of the Request form); otherwise, the above-mentioned persons and any natural person resident in Germany

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

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has clarified that it is competent to act as International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is or has been performed by the Office.

[Updating of Annexes C(ID), C(JP), C(MX), C(SG), C(US) and C(VN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – the following persons can now act as such:

In case an agent is required (because the applicant is a non-resident), any patent attorney or attorney-at-law resident in Germany or a national of a member State of the European Union or of a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area authorized to pursue certain professional activities (see Act on the Qualifying Examination for Admission to Practise as a Patent Attorney and Act on the Activities of European Lawyers in Germany); any legal person entitled to practise before the Office; otherwise, the above-mentioned persons and any natural person resident in Germany

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

MZ Mozambique

The **Industrial Property Institute (IPI) (Mozambique)** has notified changes concerning its requirements:

– as to whether a copy of the international application is required – a copy is now required only if the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) at a time when the applicant has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20;

– as to who can act as agent before it – any patent attorney or patent agent registered to practice before the Office and resident in Mozambique can now act as such.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MZ), 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 changes concerning:

– the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b), which is now 31 months from the priority date;

– its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* – an agent must now be appointed if the applicant is not resident in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines;

– its requirement as to who can act as agent before it – any attorney-at-law registered to practice in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines can now act as such.

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

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

BG Bulgaria

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 14 April 2016, the **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 May 2016, as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing
- EPO online filing software

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

- facsimile, text string and click wrap types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

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

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain 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.

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

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (359-2) 970 13 14
- by e-mail at: wipo_pct@bpo.bg

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

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

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

The Office will accept the filing of documents in 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.bpo.bg).

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

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- 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)):

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

IR Islamic Republic of Iran

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 2016, the **Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 26 April 2016, as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

- facsimile, text string and click wrap types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by e-mail at: irpct@ssaa.ir

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (<http://iripo.ssaa.ir/>).

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

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

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 July 2016, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD	1,811
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD	20
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	AUD	272
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	AUD	408

[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 July 2016, is AUD 272.

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

BG Bulgaria

Following the notification by the **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 May 2016 (see above), the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees are applicable from the same date. The amounts of these reductions are the equivalent amounts in **Bulgarian lev (BGN)** of 200 and 300 Swiss francs (CHF), respectively.

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

IR Islamic Republic of Iran

Following the notification by the **Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 26 April 2016 (see above), the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees are applicable from the same date. The amounts of these reductions are the equivalent amounts in **Iranian rial (IRR)** of 200 and 300 Swiss francs (CHF), respectively.

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2016, are EUR 561 for searches carried out in Japanese and EUR 1,251 for searches carried out in English.

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

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **new leu (RON)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2015, is RON 441.

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

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TR Turkey

The Turkish Patent Institute (Turkey) has notified new amounts of fee components of the national fee, in **Turkish lira (TRY)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable since 1 January 2016, as follows:

For patent and utility model		Online	On paper
Filing fee :	TRY	660	990
Fee for grant of letters :			
For patent :	TRY	290	435
For utility model certificate :	TRY	290	435
First annual fee :			
For patent :	TRY	200	300
For utility model :	TRY	200	300
Fee for reinstatement of rights :	TRY	1,100	1,650

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

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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FORTY-SEVENTH (20TH ORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

At its forty-seventh (20th ordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 5 to 14 October 2015 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) approved the following changes affecting the PCT system:

- amendments to the PCT Regulations; and
- appointment of a new International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

Documents 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=36343

The aforementioned changes are outlined below.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

A number of amendments to the PCT Regulations were approved by the PCT Assembly. The said amendments will enter into force at two different times: the first set of amendments (set out on pages 90 to 95) will enter into force on 1 July 2016 and the second set of amendments (set out on pages 96 and 100) will enter into force on 1 July 2017.

The amendments due to enter into force on 1 July 2016 include:

- amendments of Rules 9, 26*bis*, 48, 82*quater*, 92 and 94 which shall apply to any international application whose international filing date is on or after July 1, 2016;
- the amendments of Rule 82*quater* shall also apply to international applications whose international filing date is before July 1, 2016, where the event referred to in Rule 82*quater*.1(a), as amended, occurs on or after July 1, 2016;
- the amendments of Rule 92.2(d) shall also apply to correspondence received by the International Bureau on or after July 1, 2016, in respect of international applications whose international filing date is before July 1, 2016, to the extent provided at the time of promulgation of any Administrative Instructions made under that Rule;

The amendments due to enter into force on 1 July 2017 include:

- amendments of Rules 12*bis*, 23*bis*, 41, 86 and 95 which shall apply to any international application whose international filing date is on or after July 1, 2017;

- the amendments of Rules 86 and 95 shall also apply to any international application whose international filing date is before July 1, 2017, in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22 or Article 39 are performed on or after July 1, 2017.

Appointment of the Visegrad Patent Institute as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT

The Assembly appointed the Visegrad Patent Institute as an International Searching Authority and an International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from the entry into force of the Agreement until December 31, 2017.

**AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
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**Rule 9
Expressions, Etc., Not to Be Used**

9.1 *[No change]*

9.2 *Noting of Lack of Compliance*

The receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search and the International Bureau may note lack of compliance with the prescriptions of Rule 9.1 and may suggest to the applicant that he voluntarily correct his international application accordingly, in which case the receiving Office, the competent International Searching Authority, the competent Authority specified for supplementary search and the International Bureau, as applicable, shall be informed of the suggestion.

9.3 *[No change]*

**Rule 26bis
Correction or Addition of Priority Claim**

26bis.1 and 26bis.2 *[No change]*

26bis.3 *Restoration of Right of Priority by Receiving Office*

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

(f) The receiving Office may require that a declaration or other evidence in support of the statement of reasons referred to in paragraph (b)(ii) be filed with it within a time limit which shall be reasonable under the circumstances.

(g) *[No change]*

(h) The receiving Office shall promptly:

(i) *[No change]*

(ii) *[No change]*

(iii) notify the applicant and the International Bureau of its decision and the criterion for restoration upon which the decision was based;

(iv) subject to paragraph (h-*bis*), transmit to the International Bureau all documents received from the applicant relating to the request under paragraph (a) (including a copy of the request itself, any statement of reasons referred to in paragraph (b)(ii) and any declaration or other evidence referred to in paragraph (f)).

(h-*bis*) The receiving Office shall, upon a reasoned request by the applicant or on its own decision, not transmit documents or parts thereof received in relation to the request under paragraph (a), if it finds that:

(i) this document or part thereof does not obviously serve the purpose of informing the public about the international application;

(ii) publication or public access to any such document or part thereof would clearly prejudice the personal or economic interests of any person; and

(iii) there is no prevailing public interest to have access to that document or part thereof.

Where the receiving Office decides not to transmit documents or parts thereof to the International Bureau, it shall notify the International Bureau accordingly.

(i) and (j) *[No change]*.

Rule 48 International Publication

48.1 *[No change]*

48.2 *Contents*

(a) *[No change]*

(b) Subject to paragraph (c), the front page shall include:

(i) to (vi) *[No change]*

(vii) where applicable, an indication that the published international application contains information concerning a request under Rule 26*bis*.3 for restoration of the right of priority and the decision of the receiving Office upon such request.

(viii) *[Deleted]*

(c) to (k) [No change]

(l) The International Bureau shall, upon a reasoned request by the applicant received by the International Bureau prior to the completion of the technical preparations for international publication, omit from publication any information, if it finds that:

- (i) this information does not obviously serve the purpose of informing the public about the international application;
- (ii) publication of such information would clearly prejudice the personal or economic interests of any person; and
- (iii) there is no prevailing public interest to have access to that information.

Rule 26.4 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* as to the manner in which the applicant shall present the information which is the subject of a request made under this paragraph.

(m) Where the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search or the International Bureau notes any information meeting the criteria set out under paragraph (l), that Office, Authority or Bureau may suggest to the applicant to request the omission from international publication in accordance with paragraph (l).

(n) Where the International Bureau has omitted information from international publication in accordance with paragraph (l) and that information is also contained in the file of the international application held by the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search or the International Preliminary Examining Authority, the International Bureau shall promptly notify that Office and Authority accordingly.

48.3 to 48.6 [No change]

Rule 82^{quater}
Excuse of Delay in Meeting Time Limits

82^{quater}.1 Excuse of Delay in Meeting Time Limits

(a) Any interested party may offer evidence that a time limit fixed in the Regulations for performing an action before the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search, the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the International Bureau was not met due to war, revolution, civil disorder, strike, natural calamity, a general unavailability of electronic communications services or other like reason in the locality where the interested party resides, has his place of business or is staying, and that the relevant action was taken as soon as reasonably possible.

(b) [No change]

(c) [No change]

Rule 92
Correspondence

92.1 [No change]

92.2 *Languages*

(a) to (c) [No change]

(d) Any letter from the applicant to the International Bureau shall be in English, French or any other language of publication as may be permitted by the Administrative Instructions.

(e) [No change]

92.3 and 92.4 [No change]

Rule 94
Access to Files

94.1 *Access to the File Held by the International Bureau*

(a) [No change]

(b) The International Bureau shall, at the request of any person but not before the international publication of the international application and subject to Article 38 and paragraphs (d) to (g), furnish copies of any document contained in its file. The furnishing of copies may be subject to reimbursement of the cost of the service.

(c) [No change]

(d) The International Bureau shall not provide access to any information contained in its file which has been omitted from publication under Rule 48.2(l) and to any document contained in its file relating to a request under that Rule.

(e) Upon a reasoned request by the applicant, the International Bureau shall not provide access to any information contained in its file and to any document contained in its file relating to such a request, if it finds that:

- (i) this information does not obviously serve the purpose of informing the public about the international application;
- (ii) public access to such information would clearly prejudice the personal or economic interests of any person; and
- (iii) there is no prevailing public interest to have access to that information.

Rule 26.4 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* as to the manner in which the applicant shall present the information which is the subject of a request made under this paragraph.

(f) Where the International Bureau has omitted information from public access in accordance with paragraphs (d) or (e), and that information is also contained in the file of the international application held by the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search or the International Preliminary Examining Authority, the International Bureau shall promptly notify that Office and Authority accordingly.

(g) The International Bureau shall not provide access to any document contained in its file which was prepared solely for internal use by the International Bureau.

94.1 bis Access to the File Held by the Receiving Office

(a) At the request of the applicant or any person authorized by the applicant, the receiving Office may provide access to any document contained in its file. The furnishing of copies of documents may be subject to reimbursement of the cost of the service.

(b) The receiving Office may, at the request of any person, but not before the international publication of the international application and subject to paragraph (c), provide access to any document contained in its file. The furnishing of copies of documents may be subject to reimbursement of the cost of the service.

(c) The receiving Office shall not provide access under paragraph (b) to any information in respect of which it has been notified by the International Bureau that the information has been omitted from publication in accordance with Rule 48.2(l) or from public access in accordance with Rule 94.1(d) or (e).

94.1 ter Access to the File Held by the International Searching Authority

(a) At the request of the applicant or any person authorized by the applicant, the International Searching Authority may provide access to any document contained in its file. The furnishing of copies of documents may be subject to reimbursement of the cost of the service.

(b) The International Searching Authority may, at the request of any person, but not before the international publication of the international application and subject to paragraph (c), provide access to any document contained in its file. The furnishing of copies of documents may be subject to reimbursement of the cost of the service.

(c) The International Searching Authority shall not provide access under paragraph (b) to any information in respect of which it has been notified by the International Bureau that the information has been omitted from publication in accordance with Rule 48.2(l) or from public access in accordance with Rule 94.1(d) or (e).

(d) Paragraphs (a) to (c) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the Authority specified for supplementary search.

94.2 *Access to the File Held by the International Preliminary Examining Authority*

(a) At the request of the applicant or any person authorized by the applicant, the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall provide access to any document contained in its file. The furnishing of copies of documents may be subject to reimbursement of the cost of the service.

(b) At the request of any elected Office, but not before the establishment of the international preliminary examination report and subject to paragraph (c), the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall provide access to any document contained in its file. The furnishing of copies of documents may be subject to reimbursement of the cost of the service.

(c) The International Preliminary Examining Authority shall not provide access under paragraph (b) to any information in respect of which it has been notified by the International Bureau that the information has been omitted from publication in accordance with Rule 48.2(l) or from public access in accordance with Rule 94.1(d) or (e).

94.2bis *Access to the File Held by the Designated Office*

If the national law applicable by any designated Office allows access by third parties to the file of a national application, that Office may allow access to any documents relating to the international application, contained in its file, to the same extent as provided by the national law for access to the file of a national application, but not before the earliest of the dates specified in Article 30(2)(a). The furnishing of copies of documents may be subject to reimbursement of the cost of the service.

94.3 *Access to the File Held by the Elected Office*

If the national law applicable by any elected Office allows access by third parties to the file of a national application, that Office may allow access to any documents relating to the international application, including any document relating to the international preliminary examination, contained in its file, to the same extent as provided by the national law for access to the file of a national application, but not before the earliest of the dates specified in Article 30(2)(a). The furnishing of copies of documents may be subject to reimbursement of the cost of the service.

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Rule 12bis

Submission by the Applicant of Documents Relating to Earlier Search

12bis.1 *Furnishing by the Applicant of Documents Related to Earlier Search in Case of Request under Rule 4.12*

(a) Where the applicant has, under Rule 4.12, requested the International Searching Authority to take into account the results of an earlier search carried out by the same or another International Searching Authority or by a national Office, the applicant shall, subject to paragraphs (b) to (d), submit to the receiving Office, together

with the international application, a copy of the results of the earlier search, in whatever form (for example, in the form of a search report, a listing of cited prior art or an examination report) they are presented by the Authority or Office concerned.

(b) Where the earlier search was carried out by the same Office as that which is acting as the receiving Office, the applicant may, instead of submitting the copy referred to in paragraph (a), indicate the wish that the receiving Office prepare and transmit it to the International Searching Authority. Such request shall be made in the request and may be subjected by the receiving Office to the payment to it, for its own benefit, of a fee.

(c) Where the earlier search was carried out by the same International Searching Authority, or by the same Office as that which is acting as the International Searching Authority, no copy referred to in paragraph (a) shall be required to be submitted under that paragraph.

(d) Where a copy referred to in paragraph (a) is available to the receiving Office or the International Searching Authority in a form and manner acceptable to it, for example, from a digital library, and the applicant so indicates in the request, no copy shall be required to be submitted under that paragraph.

12bis.2 Invitation by the International Searching Authority to Furnish Documents Related to Earlier Search in Case of Request under Rule 4.12

(a) The International Searching Authority may, subject to paragraphs (b) and (c), invite the applicant to furnish to it, within a time limit which shall be reasonable under the circumstances:

- (i) a copy of the earlier application concerned;
- (ii) where the earlier application is in a language which is not accepted by the International Searching Authority, a translation of the earlier application into a language which is accepted by that Authority;
- (iii) where the results of the earlier search are in a language which is not accepted by the International Searching Authority, a translation of those results into a language which is accepted by that Authority;
- (iv) a copy of any document cited in the results of the earlier search.

(b) Where the earlier search was carried out by the same International Searching Authority, or by the same Office as that which is acting as the International Searching Authority, or where a copy or translation referred to in paragraph (a) is available to the International Searching Authority in a form and manner acceptable to it, for example, from a digital library, or in the form of the priority document, no copy or translation referred to in paragraph (a) shall be required to be submitted under that paragraph.

(c) Where the request contains a statement under Rule 4.12(ii) to the effect that the international application is the same, or substantially the same, as the application in respect of which the earlier search was carried out, or that the international application is

the same, or substantially the same, as that earlier application except that it is filed in a different language, no copy or translation referred to in paragraphs (a)(i) and (ii) shall be required to be submitted under those paragraphs.

Rule 23bis

Transmittal of Documents Relating to Earlier Search or Classification

23bis.1 Transmittal of Documents Relating to Earlier Search in Case of Request under Rule 4.12

(a) The receiving Office shall transmit to the International Searching Authority, together with the search copy, any copy referred to in Rule 12bis.1(a) related to an earlier search in respect of which the applicant has made a request under Rule 4.12, provided that any such copy:

- (i) has been submitted by the applicant to the receiving Office together with the international application;
- (ii) has been requested by the applicant to be prepared and transmitted by the receiving Office to that Authority; or
- (iii) is available to the receiving Office in a form and manner acceptable to it, for example, from a digital library, in accordance with Rule 12bis.1(d).

(b) If it is not included in the copy of the results of the earlier search referred to in Rule 12bis.1(a), the receiving Office shall also transmit to the International Searching Authority, together with the search copy, a copy of the results of any earlier classification effected by that Office, if already available.

23bis.2 Transmittal of Documents Relating to Earlier Search or Classification for the Purposes of Rule 41.2

(a) For the purposes of Rule 41.2, where the international application claims the priority of one or more earlier applications filed with the same Office as that which is acting as the receiving Office and that Office has carried out an earlier search in respect of such an earlier application or has classified such earlier application, the receiving Office shall, subject to paragraphs (b), (d) and (e), transmit to the International Searching Authority, together with the search copy, a copy of the results of any such earlier search, in whatever form (for example, in the form of a search report, a listing of cited prior art or an examination report) they are available to the Office, and a copy of the results of any such earlier classification effected by the Office, if already available. The receiving Office may also transmit to the International Searching Authority any further documents relating to such an earlier search which it considers useful to that Authority for the purposes of carrying out the international search.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a receiving Office may notify the International Bureau by April 14, 2016 that it may, on request of the applicant submitted together with the international application, decide not to transmit the results of an earlier search to the International Searching Authority. The International Bureau shall publish any notification under this provision in the Gazette.

(c) At the option of the receiving Office, paragraph (a) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* where the international application claims the priority of one or more earlier applications filed with an Office different from the one which is acting as the receiving Office and that Office has carried out an earlier search in respect of such an earlier application or has classified such earlier application, and the results of any such earlier search or classification are available to the receiving Office in a form and manner acceptable to it, for example, from a digital library.

(d) Paragraphs (a) and (c) shall not apply where the earlier search was carried out by the same International Searching Authority or by the same Office as that which is acting as the International Searching Authority, or where the receiving Office is aware that a copy of the earlier search or classification results is available to the International Searching Authority in a form and manner acceptable to it, for example, from a digital library.

(e) To the extent that, on October 14, 2015, the transmission of the copies referred to in paragraph (a), or the transmission of such copies in a particular form, such as those referred to in paragraph (a), without the authorization by the applicant is not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, that paragraph shall not apply to the transmission of such copies, or to the transmission of such copies in the particular form concerned, in respect of any international application filed with that receiving Office for as long as such transmission without the authorization by the applicant continues not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 14, 2016. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.

Rule 41

Taking into Account Results of Earlier Search and Classification

41.1 *Taking into Account Results of Earlier Search in Case of a Request under Rule 4.12*

Where the applicant has, under Rule 4.12, requested the International Searching Authority to take into account the results of an earlier search and has complied with Rule 12*bis*.1 and:

(i) *[No change]*

(ii) *[No change]*

41.2 *Taking into Account Results of Earlier Search and Classification in Other Cases*

(a) Where the international application claims the priority of one or more earlier applications in respect of which an earlier search has been carried out by the same International Searching Authority, or by the same Office as that which is acting as the International Searching Authority, the International Searching Authority shall, to the extent possible, take the results of any such earlier search into account in carrying out the international search.

(b) Where the receiving Office has transmitted to the International Searching Authority a copy of the results of any earlier search or of any earlier classification under Rule 23bis.2(a) or (b), or where such a copy is available to the International Searching Authority in a form and manner acceptable to it, for example, from a digital library, the International Searching Authority may take those results into account in carrying out the international search.

Rule 86
The Gazette

86.1 *Contents*

The Gazette referred to in Article 55(4) shall contain:

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

(iv) information concerning events at the designated and elected Offices notified to the International Bureau under Rule 95.1 in relation to published international applications;

(v) *[No change]*

86.2 to 86.6 *[No change]*

Rule 95
Information and Translations from Designated and Elected Offices

95.1 *Information Concerning Events at the Designated and Elected Offices*

Any designated or elected Office shall notify the International Bureau of the following information concerning an international application within two months, or as soon as reasonably possible thereafter, of the occurrence of any of the following events:

(i) following the performance by the applicant of the acts referred to in Article 22 or Article 39, the date of performance of those acts and any national application number which has been assigned to the international application;

(ii) where the designated or elected Office explicitly publishes the international application under its national law or practice, the number and date of that national publication;

(iii) where a patent is granted, the date of grant of the patent and, where the designated or elected Office explicitly publishes the international application in the form in which it is granted under its national law, the number and date of that national publication.

95.2 *Furnishing of Copies of Translations*

(a) At the request of the International Bureau, any designated or elected Office shall provide it with a copy of the translation of the international application furnished by the applicant to that Office.

(b) The International Bureau may, upon request and subject to reimbursement of the cost, furnish to any person copies of the translations received under paragraph (a).

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

PE Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)** has notified a change in its e-mail address. The new e-mail address is as follows:

mcastro@indecopi.gob.pe

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US 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 July 2016, is USD 1,674.

[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 July 2016, is USD 1,261.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Pound sterling (GBP)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2016, is GBP 1,503.

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

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GB United Kingdom

New equivalent amounts in **Pound sterling (GBP)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2016, are as follows:

International filing fee:	GBP	980
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	GBP	11
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	GBP	147
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	GBP	221

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

RU Russian Federation

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 **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2016, are USD 101 for searches carried out in Russian and USD 420 for searches carried out in English.

Furthermore, also 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, applicable from 1 August 2016, are CHF 99 for searches carried out in Russian and CHF 409 for searches carried out in English.

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

In addition, 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 **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2016, are CHF 172 and CHF 276 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified changes in the mailing address as well as the e-mail address of its chamber of patent attorneys (Österreichische Patentanwaltskammer), which is now as follows:

Mailing address: Linke Wienzeile 4/1/9
A-1060 Wien

Internet: www.patentanwalt.at

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

BE Belgium

The **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

opridie-tech@economie.fgov.be

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

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified a change in the number of its facsimile machine, which is now as follows:

(55-21) 3037 33 98

Furthermore, the Office has notified that it no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of telecommunication under PCT Rule 92.4.

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

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BR Brazil

Following the notification by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form in XML format in addition to PDF format, from 1 May 2016, an equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the reduction under item 4(c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	Equivalent in BRL of CHF 300
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[Updating of Annex C(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GT Guatemala

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala)** has notified a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d), in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 17 May 2014, is USD 500.

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2016, is KRW 725,000.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

OM Oman

IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau** ceased to be the only receiving Office for Oman on 1 June 2016. The **Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman)** has notified that, since that date, it is acting as receiving Office, in addition to the International Bureau, for nationals and residents of Oman.

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

Information on the requirements of the Office as receiving Office is given in Annex C(OM), which is published on page 115.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

PA Panama

Information on the requirements of the **Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (PA), which is published on page 117.

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

BR Brazil

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette of 23 October 2014, pages 157 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing in XML format, in addition to other formats, with effect since 1 May 2016. Consequently, since that date, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notification:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-filing

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

- facsimile, text string and click wrap types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by e-mail at: faleconosco@inpi.gov.br

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.inpi.gov.br).

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

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

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

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

OM Oman

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 May 2016, the **Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect since 1 June 2016, as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

- facsimile, text string and click wrap up types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by e-mail at: oman-ip-dep@moci.gov.om

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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

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

SK Slovakia

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 46/2005 of 17 November 2005, pages 30684 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it will accept international applications in electronic form filed using ePCT-Filing with effect from 1 July 2016, and will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed using the PCT-SAFE software and the EPO online filing software with effect from 1 October 2016. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the aforementioned notification:

“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))

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

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

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

- ePCT-filing

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

- 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. The following means of deferred payment are accepted: payment by check or by bank transfer.

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

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

- by e-mail at: helpdesk@indprop.gov.sk

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.upv.sk).

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

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

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

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

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DEPARTMENT,
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(OMAN)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Oman
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Arabic ¹ or English
Language in which the request may be filed:	Arabic or English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing ⁴
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office ⁵ or United States Patent and Trademark Office ⁶

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this must be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 2 June 2016, pages 107 *et seq.*

⁵ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office or the Austrian Patent Office.

⁶ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Omani rial (OMR)	
Transmittal fee:	OMR	40
International filing fee: ⁷	Equivalent in OMR of US dollars	1,363
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁷	Equivalent in OMR of US dollars	15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	Equivalent in OMR of US dollars	205
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	Equivalent in OMR of US dollars	307
Search fee:	See Annex D(AT), (AU), (EP) or (US)	
Fee for priority document:	OMR	70
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	OMR	200
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Oman Yes, if he is a non-resident	
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer registered to practice in Oman	
Waiver of power of attorney:		
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No	

⁷ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

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**DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF THE
INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY REGISTRY
(DIGERPI) (PANAMA)**

PA

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, as amended only, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	Yes
National fee:	Currency: US dollar (USD) For patent: Filing fee: USD 128.50 For utility model: Filing fee: USD 78.50
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	Where the applicant is also the inventor and his economic situation prevents him from paying the full amount of the fees, he may be entitled to only pay 10% of the filing fee ²

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

² Please refer to the Office for further details.

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**DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF THE
INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY REGISTRY
(DIGERPI) (PANAMA)**

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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 as to the applicant’s entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent^{3,4}

Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to claim priority of the earlier application^{3,4}

Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date⁴

Translation to be furnished in three copies⁴

Representation by an attorney or a lawyer registered in Panama

Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney)

Who can act as agent?

Any attorney or lawyer registered in Panama

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

Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁴ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of six months from the date of the invitation.

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ID Indonesia

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** has notified changes in the name of the Office in Indonesian, as well as in its location and mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers and e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Name of Office (in Indonesian):	Direktorat Jenderal Kekayaan Intelektual
Location and mailing address:	Jl. H.R. Rasuna Said Kav. 8-9 Jakarta Selatan 12940 Indonesia
Telephone:	(62-21) 5790 5606 (DG) (62-21) 5790 5611 (Patents) (62-21) 5790 5619 (Sec)
Facsimile machine:	(62-21) 5790 5606 (DG) (62-21) 5790 5611 (Patents) (62-21) 5790 5619 (Sec)
E-mail:	dirgen@dgip.go.id patent.administration@gmail.com

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)** has notified a new component of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

For patent:

Fee for claiming priority:	EUR	100
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[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MD), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

SY Syrian Arab Republic

The **Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Property (Syrian Arab Republic)** has specified the Egyptian Patent Office, in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Syrian Arab Republic with the Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Property (Syrian Arab Republic), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 30 May 2016.

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

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified a change concerning the copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3) which the applicant receives free of charge together with the international search report – the applicant now receives a copy of each document containing non-patent literature cited in the report. The fees charged in other cases remain unchanged.

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AZ Azerbaijan

The **State Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Patent of the Republic of Azerbaijan** has notified a change in one of its e-mail addresses. These addresses are now as follows:

azs@azstand.gov.az
azpatent@azstand.gov.az

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

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified changes in the provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication, which are now as follows:

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

After international publication, the furnishing of a translation into Finnish or Swedish or, if the international application was filed in Finnish or Swedish, a copy of the international application as filed or, if the application or translation was filed in English, a translation of the claims into Finnish or Swedish, gives the applicant provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages. These are limited to what is judged reasonable 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 Patent Law.

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

Compensation reasonable in the circumstances, on condition that any national requirements relating to the translation into Finnish (or into Swedish if the applicant's own language is Swedish) of the claims of the application have been met, and upon grant of the patent. Protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent.

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

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

ROSPATENT
Berezhkovskaya nab., 30/1
Moscow 125993
Russian Federation (general)

Federalny Institut Promyshlennoi Sobstvennosti
Berezhkovskaya nab., 30/1
Moscow 125993
Russian Federation (application processing)

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AZ Azerbaijan

The **State Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Patent of the Republic of Azerbaijan** has notified a new amount of a component 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:

Additional fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	AZN	20 ¹
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[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AZ), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ This fee is subject to a value-added tax (VAT) of 18%.

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified changes in the conditions for entitlement to reductions in several components of the national fee, i.e., the unitary procedural fee (for filing, search, publication and other processing), the claim fee for each claim in excess of five and the examination fee - these fees are now reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of and a resident in any of the States party to the Eurasian Patent Convention, and by 80% where each applicant is a natural person and a national of and resident in a PCT Contracting State whose per capita national income is below USD 3,000 (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997), or where an applicant, whether a natural person or not, is a national of and resident in a State that is listed as being classified by the United Nations as a least-developed country.

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2016, is SGD 1,968.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2016, are EUR 92 for searches carried out in Russian and EUR 381 for searches carried out in English.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

NZ New Zealand

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

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

Declaration concerning the inventor and the right of the applicant to apply for a patent

Address for service in New Zealand (no representation by an agent is required). An electronic communication address must be provided by all persons communicating with the Office

Verification of translation of international application

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

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES

NZ New Zealand

Under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(i), the **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** has informed the International Bureau that it now applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

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

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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

KW Kuwait

On 9 June 2016, **Kuwait** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 9 September 2016, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 9 September 2016 will automatically include the designation of Kuwait (country code: KW).

Kuwait 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 9 September 2016. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Kuwait will be entitled, as from 9 September 2016, to file international applications under the PCT.

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

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

XV Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)

Agreement between the Visegrad Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

The **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 9 of the above-mentioned Agreement, that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, as well as an Authority specified for supplementary search, with effect from 1 July 2016.

The Agreement, which is set out on pages 136 to 143, will enter into force on that date.

Pursuant to the decision of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its forty-seventh (20th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 5 to 14 October 2015, to appoint the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI) as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority,² that appointment will also have effect from 1 July 2016.

¹ The Agreement will soon be available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_xv.pdf

² See the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of May 12, 2016, pages 89 and 90.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

VN Viet Nam

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Viet Nam)** has notified changes in its name, as well as in its location and mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers, and e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	National Office of Intellectual Property of Viet Nam (NOIP)
Location and mailing address:	384-386 Nguyen Trai Street Thanh Xuan District Ha Noi Viet Nam
Telephone:	(84-4) 3557 20 91 (84-4) 3558 82 17 (84-4) 3858 30 69
Facsimile machine:	(84-4) 3557 20 90 (84-4) 3858 84 49
E-mail:	congngghethongtin@noip.gov.vn vietnamipo@noip.gov.vn
Internet	www.noip.gov.vn

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), **Colombian peso (COP)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2016, is COP 952,000.

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of components of the national fee, in **Colombian peso (COP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable since 1 January 2016. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

		Online	On paper
For a patent:			
Filing fee:	COP	64,000	80,000
Annual fees:			
— for the first to the fourth year, per year:	COP	226,000	271,000
	COP	336,000 ³	403,000 ³
For a utility model:			
Filing fee:	COP	56,000	70,000

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

CZ Czech Republic

The **Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic)** has specified the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Czech Republic with the Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 July 2016.

Furthermore, the Office has indicated that, also with effect from 1 July 2016, if the language in which the international application is filed is not a language of publication and no translation is required for the purposes of international search (PCT Rule 12.3(a)), the applicant will have to furnish a translation of the application into English (PCT Rule 12.4(a)).

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

HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** has specified the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Hungary with the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 July 2016.

³ These amounts are applicable in case of late payment within a grace period of six months from the due date.

Furthermore, the Office has indicated that, also with effect from 1 July 2016, if the language in which the international application is filed is not a language of publication and no translation is required for the purposes of international search (PCT Rule 12.3(a)), the applicant will have to furnish a translation of the application into English (PCT Rule 12.4(a)).

In addition, the Office has notified that it withdraws its specification of the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Hungary with the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO), or with the International Bureau, also with effect from 1 July 2016.

Finally, the Office has notified that, also with effect from 1 July 2016, it will no longer accept Russian as a language in which international applications or the request may be filed.

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

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Mexico with the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property, or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 July 2016.

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

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has specified the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Poland with the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland, or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 July 2016.

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

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has specified the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Slovakia with the Industrial Property Office (Slovakia), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 July 2016.

Furthermore, the Office has indicated that, also with effect from 1 July 2016, if the language in which the international application is filed is not a language of publication and no translation is required for the purposes of international search (PCT Rule 12.3(a)), the applicant will have to furnish a translation of the application into English (PCT Rule 12.4(a)).

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

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

CN China

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 19 April 2007, pages 67 et seq., and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using the CEPCT software, in addition to the PCT-SAFE software, with effect since 1 April 2016. Consequently, since that date, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notification:

“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 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
- CEPCT 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, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names and sizes of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)) and the dates of creation of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(vi)).

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

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

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

CEPCT supports online payment.

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

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: +(86-10) 62 08 84 76
- by fax at: +(86-10) 62 08 82 89
- by e-mail at: PCT_affairs@sipo.gov.cn

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

– international applications

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

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

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

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.sipo.gov.cn). Applicants may file applications on paper by delivering in person, fax or mail.

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

At this stage no digital certificates are accepted by the Office.

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

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

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

KR Republic of Korea

The International Bureau has been notified of a change in the address of the **Korean Collection for Type Cultures (KCTC)**, an international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The new address is as follows:

181, Ipsin-gil, Jeongeup-si
Jeollabuk-do, 56212
Republic of Korea

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

**Agreement between the Visegrad Patent Institute
and the International Bureau
of the World Intellectual Property Organization**

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

Preamble

The Visegrad Patent Institute 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 Visegrad Patent Institute as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

**Article 1
Terms and Expressions**

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Visegrad Patent Institute;
 - (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 and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis*, 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 a date to be notified to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization by the Authority, that date being at least one month later than the date on which the notification is made.

Article 10 Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 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 Authority 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 Authority written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this fourteenth day of December two thousand and fifteen, in five originals in the English language.

For the Visegrad Patent Institute
by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

[signatures]

[signature]

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

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

(a) the Czech Republic, Hungary, the Republic of Poland, the Slovak Republic;

(b) any other Contracting State in accordance with the obligations of the Czech Republic, Hungary, the Republic of Poland and the Slovak Republic within the framework of the European Patent Organisation;

(ii) the following languages which it will accept:

Czech, English, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak.

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 Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak patent laws.

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))	1,875
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,875
Supplementary search fee, full search (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	1,875
Supplementary search fee for searches only on the documents in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak held in the search collection of the Authority (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	500
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,930
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i> .2]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,930
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	875

Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c))	230
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2)	0.95

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search carried out by any of the national Offices of the Contracting States or from an earlier international search report or international-type search report, the Authority shall refund 40% of the search fee paid. There shall be no refund of the whole of the search fee paid, or waiver or reduction of the search fee.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) When 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).

(7) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, after receipt of the documents specified in Rule 45*bis*.4(e)(i) to (iv), but before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), it is notified of the withdrawal of the international application or the supplementary search request.

Annex D Languages of Correspondence

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

Czech, English, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak.

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

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search in the languages mentioned in Annex D.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover at least one of the following levels of search:

(i) in addition to the PCT minimum documentation, at least the documents in Czech, Hungarian, Polish or Slovak held in the search collection of the Authority;

(ii) only the documents in Czech, Hungarian, Polish or Slovak held in the search collection of the Authority.

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

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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

DJ Djibouti

On 23 June 2016, **Djibouti** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 23 September 2016, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 23 September 2016 will automatically include the designation of Djibouti (country code: DJ).

Djibouti 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 23 September 2016. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Djibouti will be entitled, as from 23 September 2016, to file international applications under the PCT.

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:

Kazakhstan Respublikasy
Adilet ministrigi
Sol zhagalau Orynbor 8
Kireberis 13
Astana 010000
Kazakhstan
(general matters)

Ulttyk ziyatkerlik menshik instituty
Sol zhagalau Orynbor 8
Kireberis 1
Astana 010000
Kazakhstan
(application processing)

Telephone: (7-7172) 74 95 80
(7-7172) 74 91 33
(7-7172) 74 96 60

Facsimile machine: (7-7172) 74 96 21

Internet: www.kazpatent.kz
www.adilet.gov.kz

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change with relation to the national types of protection available via the PCT, which now consist of patents and utility models (innovative patents are no longer available).

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica)** has notified new amounts of the fee for the priority document, in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts are as follows:

Fee for priority document:

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| – for the first five pages (in fee stamps): | USD | 12.25 |
| – for each additional page (in fee stamps): | USD | 1.10 |

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

ID Indonesia

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Indonesian rupiah (IDR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is IDR 250,000.

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

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Kazakh tenge (KZT)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is KZT 2,730.56 plus value added tax (VAT) in case of filing by a legal entity, and KZT 818.72 in case of filing by a natural person.

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of components of the national fee, in **Kazakh tenge (KZT)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee:

– electronic filing:	KZT	17,271.52
– paper filing:	KZT	20,320.16
Examination fee:	KZT	66,959.20
Annual fee for the first three years, per year:	KZT	20,320.16

For a utility model:

Filing fee:

– electronic filing:	KZT	13,982.08
– paper filing:	KZT	16,450.56
Annual fee for the first three years, per year:	KZT	16,450.56

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

**INFORMATION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

XV Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)

General information on the **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)**, as well as information on the requirements of the Institute as International Searching Authority, International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search) and International Preliminary Examining Authority,¹ is given in Annexes B2(XV), D(XV), SISA(XV) and E(XV), which are published on pages 149 to 155.

Corrigendum: Annex C, Part I, of the Agreement between the VPI and the International Bureau, as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 23 June 2016, pages 141 and 142, was inaccurate. The correct text is as follows:

¹ See also the notification by the VPI published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 23 June 2016, page 129.

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

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Supplementary search fee, full search (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	1,875
Supplementary search fee for searches only on the documents in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak held in the search collection of the Authority (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	550
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,930
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i> .2]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,930
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	875
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	875
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c))	230
Cost of copies (Rule 44.3(b)), per page	0.80
Cost of copies (Rules 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	0.95”

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**Information on Intergovernmental
Organizations**

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VISEGRAD PATENT INSTITUTE (VPI)

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General information

Name of Office:	Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)
Location:	II. János Pál Pápa tér 7, 1081 Budapest, Hungary
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 415, 1438 Budapest, Hungary
Telephone:	(361) 474 55 03
Facsimile machine:	—
E-mail:	secretariat@vpi.int
Internet:	www.vpi.int

Does the Office accept the filing
of documents by means of
telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?

No

Would the Office accept evidence of
mailing a document, in case of loss or
delay, where a delivery service other than
the postal authorities is used
(PCT Rule 82.1)?

No

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Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ¹	Euro (EUR)	1,875
	Hungarian forint (HUF)	585,800
	Swiss franc (CHF)	2,046
	US dollar (USD)	2,097
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ²	EUR	1,875
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	EUR	0.80 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%</p> <p>Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search carried out by any of the national Offices of the Contracting States or from an earlier international search report or international-type search report: refund of 40%</p>	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	EUR	875
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	EUR	230
Languages accepted for international search:	Czech, English, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak	
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes	
Which types of electronic carrier does the Authority require?	CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD-ROM or DVD-R	
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of all subject matter which is searched in the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of the Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak patent laws	

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¹ This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

² This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

D **International Searching Authorities** **D**
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Waiver of power of attorney:

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

Yes³

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing

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

Yes³

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing

³ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

SISA International Searching Authorities SISA
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Fees payable to the International Bureau: ¹	Currency: Swiss franc (CHF)
Supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3): ²	– for a full search: CHF 2,046 – for a search of only the documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak: CHF 600
Supplementary search handling fee (PCT Rule 45bis.2):	CHF 200
Late payment fee (PCT Rule 45bis.4(c)):	CHF 100
Fees payable to the Authority:	Currency: Euro (EUR)
Review fee (PCT Rule 45bis.6(c)):	EUR 875
Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	EUR 0.80 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the supplementary search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. The International Bureau shall refund this fee where the supplementary search request has not yet been transmitted to the Authority and the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(d)): refund of 100% The Authority shall refund this fee where work has not yet started and the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(e)): refund of 100%
Languages accepted for supplementary international search:	Czech, English, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of all subject matter which is searched in the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of the Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak patent laws
Scope of documentation included in the supplementary international search:	In addition to the PCT minimum documentation, the Authority shall include at least the documents held in its search collection in: Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak
Limitations on supplementary international search:	None

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¹ For further details on the payment of fees to the International Bureau, see the WIPO website at www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/special.html.

² This fee is fixed by the Authority in euro and will be revised from time to time to reflect currency fluctuations between the euro and the Swiss franc.

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Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1)?

Yes

Which types of electronic medium does the Authority require?

CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD-ROM or DVD-R

Waiver of power of attorney:

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

Yes³

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

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

Yes³

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

³ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ¹	Euro (EUR)	1,930
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ²	EUR	1,930
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Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	EUR	0.95 per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	EUR	0.95 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	EUR	875
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	EUR	230
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	Czech, English, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak	
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of all subject matter which is examined in the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of the Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak patent laws	

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¹ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁴ The late payment fee, as set out in PCT Rule 58^{bis}, is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

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Examining Authorities**

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Waiver of power of attorney:

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

Yes⁵

Particular instances in which a separate
power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a
common representative who was not indicated on the request form
or on the demand form at the time of their filing

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

Yes⁵

Particular instances in which a copy of a
general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a
common representative who was not indicated on the request form
or on the demand form at the time of their filing

⁵ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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

DK Denmark

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Danish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notifications published in PCT Gazette No. 35/2005, of 1 September 2005, pages 22816 *et seq.*, and in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 June 2008, page 90, and of 27 August 2015, pages 153 *et seq.*, namely, that it no longer accepts international applications in electronic form filed using the PCT-SAFE software, with effect since 1 December 2015. Consequently, since that date, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notifications:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.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))

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

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

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

- ePCT-filing
- EPO online filing software

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

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

– by e-mail at: PVS@dkpto.dk

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.dkpto.dk).

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

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

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

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

BE Belgium

The **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** has notified changes concerning whether an agent is required by it – an agent is not required if the applicant resides in or has an effective industrial or commercial establishment in a member State of the European Union; an agent is required if the applicant is a non-resident¹.

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – any person registered to practice as a representative in Belgium (the list of registered representatives is furnished free of charge on request) can now act as such; also, any attorney-at-law registered on the list of Belgian attorneys-at-law or on the list of probationary attorneys, any attorney-at-law and any patent agent who is a national of a member State of the European Union and authorized to practice in Belgium by law or an international convention, may now act in the same way as a registered representative before the Office.

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

DK Denmark

The **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified that, since 1 December 2015, it no longer accepts the filing of international applications using the PCT-SAFE software.

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

¹ Any natural or legal person may file an international application, pay the filing fee and receive a receipt of deposit (see article XI.62, paragraph 3, subparagraph 2 of the Code of Economic Law).

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified changes in its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (49-89) 2195-0
(49-89) 2195-1000
(Customer Care and Services)

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2016, are CHF 502 and EUR 464 when filing online, and CHF 752 and EUR 695 when filing on paper.

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

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 July 2016, as follows:

For a patent:	EUR	52.28	(online)
	EUR	104.57	(on paper)
For a utility model:	EUR	52.28	(online)
	EUR	104.57	(on paper)

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

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2016, are USD 518 when filing online and USD 776 when filing on paper.

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2016, are CHF 648 and EUR 616, respectively, for searches carried out in Japanese, and CHF 1,444 and EUR 1,373, respectively, for searches carried out in English.

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

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** and **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2016, are EUR 1,501 and JPY 167,500, respectively.

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

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

AU Australia

Under PCT Rule 89bis.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Australian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it no longer accepts international applications in electronic form filed using the PCT-SAFE software, with effect from 1 September 2016. Consequently, as from that date, the notification last published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 10 April 2014, pages 48 *et seq.*, will be replaced by the following notification:

“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)):

- Using ePCT-Filing where international applications are transmitted using the protocol specified in Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d) of the Administrative Instructions.
- Where a component file within the application exceeds 20 MB, online transmittal is not supported using ePCT-Filing.
- When online filing is not available the application shall then be filed on paper.

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

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

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

- ePCT-filing

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

- facsimile, text string or click-wrap signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

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

The confirmation of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office contains, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)). The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. A confirmation of receipt will be created for any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office. 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)), files exceeding 20 MB in size, or missing files, are notified to the applicant in the confirmation of receipt.

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

Online payment is available through the Office's website (www.ipaustralia.gov.au).

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

Within the framework of its services, the Office has put in place a help desk for applicants filing international applications in electronic form. The Customer Services Network helpdesk can be contacted for all general enquiries.

The help desk is open from Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Australian Eastern Standard/Summer Time (AEST) and can be contacted by the following means:

- by telephone at: +61 2 6283 2999
- by e-mail at: pct@ipaustralia.gov.au

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

- International applications where individual components do not exceed 20 MB may be submitted via ePCT-Filing.
- Subsequently filed documents for international applications as supported by the relevant software.

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

The Office will not accept the filing of backup copies on paper. Furthermore, the Office will not prepare a backup copy of the international application on paper at the request of the applicant.

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 the event of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to it, such as e-mail, to inform the applicant of alternative filing procedures. The Office will provide information concerning the availability of online filing systems on its website (www.ipaustralia.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media/latest-news-listing/).

The Office also offers a subscription service for notifications of any scheduled system downtimes (www.ipaustralia.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media/stay-informed/downtime-subscription/).

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)):

For applications filed using ePCT-Filing:

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

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

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified that, as from 1 September 2016, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications using the PCT-SAFE software.

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

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(D) AND 90.5(C)

BE Belgium

Under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), the **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has waived 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.

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

servico.publico@inpi.pt

[Updating of Annex B1(PT) 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 **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2016, is SGD 2,780.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** and **Singapore dollar (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2016, are JPY 213,000 and SGD 2,800, respectively.

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

JP Japan

New equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for a reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2016, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY 143,700
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY 1,600
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	JPY 32,400

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

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 October 2016, is JPY 21,600.

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

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2016, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR 10.46	(online)
	EUR 20.92	(on paper)

Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 41.83	
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Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):

- where the request is filed online: EUR 156.85
- where the request is filed on paper: EUR 313.72

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable since 1 July 2016, as follows:

For a patent: ¹	EUR 52.28	(online)
	EUR 104.57	(on paper)

For a utility model: ¹	EUR 52.28	(online)
	EUR 104.57	(on paper)

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

¹ Includes publication and examination.

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

HU Hungary

The International Bureau has been notified of a change in the address of the **National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCAIM)**, an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The new address is as follows:

National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCAIM)
Faculty of Food Science
Szent István University
Somlói út 14-16
1118 Budapest
Hungary

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BW Botswana

The **Registrar of Companies and Intellectual Property (ROCIP) (Botswana)** has notified changes in the name of the Office and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Companies and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA) (Botswana)
E-mail:	feedback@cipa.co.bw
Internet:	www.cipa.co.bw

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

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 reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2016, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SGD 1,837
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SGD 21
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	SGD 276
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	SGD 414

[Updating of Annex C(SG) 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 **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, also applicable from 1 October 2016, is CHF 1,621.

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

In addition, 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 Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 October 2016, is CHF 1,621.

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

Finally, a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)(i). This amount, also applicable from 1 October 2016, is SGD 276.

[Updating of Annex E(SG) 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 November 2016, is ZAR 28,940.

[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 November 2016, is ZAR 29,110.

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

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2016, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	19,100
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	220
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ZAR	2,870
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ZAR	4,310

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

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

IL Israel

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and pursuant to Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Israel Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 June 2012, pages 90 *et seq.*, updated on August 1, 2013, page 93 and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept and process international applications filed using ePCT-Filing (in addition to PCT-SAFE software) with effect since 20 July 2016. Consequently, since that date, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notification:

“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)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

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

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d)) through the ILPO website:
<http://www.justice.gov.il/Units/RashamHaptentim/Units/pct/Pages/default.aspx>
- 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
- ePCT-filing

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

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

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

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

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

Online payment is available through the Office's website:

<http://index.justice.gov.il/Units/RashamHaptentim/Units/pct/Pages/default.aspx>

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

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users relating, in particular, to the uploading and submission of the international application through the ILPO website. The help desk will be available between 8:00 am and 16:00 pm Sunday to Thursday excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by phone at 972-2-5651707
- by fax at 972-2-5651616; 972-2-6468070
- via e-mail at PCT.Customer-serv@justice.gov.il

For questions concerning the preparation of the international application in electronic format, applicants may also contact the PCT e-Services Help Desk at WIPO directly:

- by telephone at (+41-22) 338 95 23
- through the WIPO website
www.wipo.int/tools/en/contacts/index.jsp?area=pct-safe

The Help Desk is available from 09:00 to 18:00 (Central European Time), Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays.

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)):

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

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (<http://www.patents.gov.il>).

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

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

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

The Office provides online file inspection by applicants"

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

SG Singapore

Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annexes A and D

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annexes A and D thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 1 October 2016, consist of the addition of Chinese to the languages indicated in Annex A, item (ii), and Annex D. The amended Annexes will read as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

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

[no change];

(ii) the following languages which it will accept:

(a) for international applications filed with the International Bureau: English, Chinese;

(b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any State referred to in subparagraph (i) above other than the International Bureau: English.

**Annex D
Languages of Correspondence**

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

English or Chinese, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated; however, English may be used in all cases.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2016, is ISK 250,000.

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2016, is KRW 810,000.

Furthermore, 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 Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2016, are USD 686 for searches carried out in Japanese and USD 1,530 for searches carried out in English.

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2016, are ZAR 28,280 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 14,140 for a small entity and ZAR 7,070 for a micro entity.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

CZ Czech Republic

The **Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic)** has notified a change concerning the number of copies of the international application on paper required by it – two copies must now be filed instead of three.

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

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified a change concerning the languages accepted by it for international search and international preliminary examination – as from 1 October 2016, it will accept Chinese, in addition to English, only for international applications filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office (see also the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 1 September 2016, page 180).

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **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 October 2016, is NZD 2,953.

Furthermore, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **pound sterling (GBP)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2016, is GBP 1,617.

[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 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 2016, are as follows:

International filing fee:	GBP	1,053
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	GBP	12
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	GBP	158
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	GBP	238

[Updating of Annex C(GB) 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 November 2016, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK	161,500
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK	1,800
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ISK	24,300
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ISK	36,400

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2016, is KRW 756,000.

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

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2016, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD	1,945
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD	22
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	NZD	292
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	NZD	439

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) 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 November 2016, is ISK 250,000.

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **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 October 2016, are NZD 2,980 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, NZD 1,490 for a small entity and NZD 740 for a micro entity.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2016, is ISK 250,000.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified changes concerning its requirements as to whether a copy of the international application is required by it as designated (or elected) Office – the applicant should now only send a copy of the international application if he/she has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20; this may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (NO), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

KH Cambodia

On 8 September 2016, **Cambodia** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 8 December 2016, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 8 December 2016 will automatically include the designation of Cambodia (country code: KH).

Cambodia 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 8 December 2016. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Cambodia will be entitled, as from 8 December 2016, to file international applications under the PCT.

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

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KW Kuwait

General information on **Kuwait** as a Contracting State is given in Annex B1(KW), which is published on pages 190 and 191.

QA Qatar

The **Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, as well as an additional e-mail address. These addresses are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Ministry of Economy and Commerce Lussail City P.O. Box 1968 Doha Qatar
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E-mail:	aalsada@mec.gov.qa kjalhitmi@mec.gov.qa
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[Updating of Annex B1(QA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UA Ukraine

The **State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU)** has notified a change in its mailing address, which is now as follows:

Derzhavne Pidpryemstvo “Ukrainsky Instytut Intelectualnoi Vlasnosti”
The State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute”
1, Hlazunova Street
Kyiv 42, 01601
Ukraine

[Updating of Annex B1(UA) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Australian dollar (AUD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 10 October 2016, is AUD 50.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

KW Kuwait

IB International Bureau

Pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Trademarks and Patent Department (Kuwait)** has notified the International Bureau that it delegates its functions as receiving Office to the **International Bureau**, with effect since 9 September 2016.

The International Bureau acting for the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Trademarks and Patent Department (Kuwait) has specified the Egyptian Patent Office and the European Patent Office (EPO) as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authorities¹ for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Kuwait with the International Bureau as receiving Office, also with effect since 9 September 2016.

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

¹ The EPO is competent as International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is or has been carried out by it.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

KW Kuwait

Information on the requirements of the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Trademarks and Patent Department (Kuwait)** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (KW), which is published on page 192.

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KUWAIT

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General information

Name of Office:	Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Trademarks and Patent Department (Kuwait)
Location:	KIPCO Tower, Kuwait City, Kuwait
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 2944, Safat 13030, Kuwait
Telephone:	(965) 22 94 33 55
Facsimile machine:	(965) 22 94 33 53
E-mail:	musalamq8@hotmail.com eng_rashid7755@hotmail.com
Internet:	www.moci.gov.kw
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile and e-mail
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the invitation
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Kuwait:	International Bureau of WIPO (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Kuwait is designated (or elected):	Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Trademarks and Patent Department (Kuwait) (see National Phase)
May Kuwait be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Kuwait concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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Information of interest if Kuwait is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Kuwait is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If the indications concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of 90 days from the date of the invitation.

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

No

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

**KW MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, KW
TRADEMARKS AND PATENT DEPARTMENT
(KUWAIT)**

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: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	Yes
National fee:	Currency: Kuwaiti dinar (KWD) Filing fee: ¹ KWD 150
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis):	Name and address of the inventor if not indicated in the “Request” part of the international application ^{2, 3} Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent ^{2,3} Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to claim priority of the earlier application ^{2,3} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306) ² Representation by an agent if the applicant is not resident in Kuwait ² Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney) ²
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or patent agent registered to practice before the Office, or any person legally qualified to practice before the Office
Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests

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

² If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of 90 days from the date of receipt of the invitation.

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

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**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES
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DJ Djibouti

General information on **Djibouti** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)** as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, are given in Annexes B1(DJ) and C(DJ) and in the Summary of the National Chapter (DJ), which are published on pages 196 to 199.

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has notified an additional Internet address. Its Internet addresses are now as follows:

www.indprop.gov.sk

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

DJ Djibouti

The **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)** 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	
None	None	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism

For the purposes of patent procedure before the Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC), a deposit is required not later than at the date of filing the international application. A receipt attesting the deposit and its acceptance issued by the depositary institution with which the microorganism was deposited must be submitted to ODPIC within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

Where the biological material has been deposited by a person other than the applicant, the reference to such a deposit must include the name and address of the depositor and a statement that the latter has authorized the applicant to refer to the deposited biological material in the application and has given his unreserved and irrevocable consent to the deposited material being made available to the public.

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

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General information

Name of Office:	Office djiboutien de la propriété industrielle et commerciale (ODPIC) Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)
Location:	Plateau du Serpent, Avenue Mohamed Dileita, Immeuble Lyautey, Ville de Djibouti, Djibouti
Mailing address:	BP 2017, Ville de Djibouti, Djibouti
Telephone:	(253) 21 35 60 11
Facsimile machine:	(253) 21 35 60 92
E-mail:	odpic@intnet.dj
Internet:	www.odpic.dj
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by e-mail
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Djibouti:	Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Djibouti is designated (or elected):	Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC) (see National Phase)
May Djibouti be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, certificates of addition
Provisions of the law of Djibouti concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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Information of interest if Djibouti is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Djibouti is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already
complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22
or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the
requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

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

Yes (see Annex L)

C **Receiving Offices** **C**
DJ **OFFICE OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY AND** **DJ**
COMMERCE OF DJIBOUTI (ODPIC)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Djibouti
Language in which international applications may be filed: ¹	Arabic, English or French
Language in which the request may be filed:	Arabic, English or French
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Egyptian Patent Office or European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Egyptian Patent Office or European Patent Office ²
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Djibouti franc (DJF) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD 100 or equivalent in DJF
International filing fee: ³	USD 1,363
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ³	USD 15
Search fee:	See Annex D(EG) or (EP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD 180 or equivalent in DJF
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	USD 500 or equivalent in DJF
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Djibouti Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Djibouti
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

³ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

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**OFFICE OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY AND
COMMERCE OF DJIBOUTI (ODPIC)**

DJ

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Arabic, English or French
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, 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: ¹	Currency: Djibouti franc (DJF) or equivalent in US dollar (USD) For patent: Filing fee: DJF 217,500 For certificate of addition: Filing fee: DJF 217,500
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>): ²	Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Djibouti Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application ³ Statement or notice as to the applicant’s entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent ³ Statement or notice as to the applicant’s entitlement to claim priority of the earlier application ³ Instrument of assignment of the international application if the applicant has changed after the international filing date
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Djibouti
Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49 <i>ter.2</i>)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests

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

² If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of three months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2016, is KRW 1,858,000.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** and **Singapore dollar (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2016, are AUD 533 and SGD 550, respectively, for searches carried out in Korean, and AUD 1,539 and SGD 1,580, respectively, for searches carried out in English.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – the following persons may now act as such:

1. any natural person who is a citizen of Croatia or of a Contracting State of the Agreement on the European Economic Area (hereinafter: the EEA), having permanent residence in Croatia or in a Contracting State of the EEA, holding a university degree in technical or natural sciences and having passed the professional examination for patent representatives before the Office,¹
2. any natural person who is a citizen of Croatia or of a Contracting State of the EEA, having permanent residence in Croatia or in a Contracting State of the EEA, holding a university degree in an area other than technical or natural sciences, having at least five years of working experience in jobs relating to the acquisition and maintenance of industrial property rights, obtained after completing the studies and having passed the professional examination for patent representatives before the Office,¹
3. an attorney entered in the Register of Attorneys maintained by the Croatian Bar Association who passed the professional examination for patent representatives before the Office, or a law firm employing such an attorney or cooperating with him pursuant to some other contractual relationship,

¹ A list of patent representatives is available on the website of the Office at: www.dziv.hr/en/representation-before-sipo/patent-representatives/

4. any legal person with a registered office in Croatia or in a Contracting State of the EEA, employing at least one person meeting the conditions referred to in point 1 or 2 of this paragraph or cooperating with such person pursuant to some other contractual relationship and performing the activities of representation before the Office as its registered activity.²

[Updating of Annex C(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 50% reduction of the filing fee applicable when the application is furnished in paper form as well as in electronic form is now also applicable when the application is filed by electronic means.

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – the following persons may now act as such:

1. any natural person who is a citizen of Croatia or of a Contracting State of the Agreement on the European Economic Area (hereinafter: the EEA), having permanent residence in Croatia or in a Contracting State of the EEA, holding a university degree in technical or natural sciences and having passed the professional examination for patent representatives before the Office,²
2. any natural person who is a citizen of Croatia or of a Contracting State of the EEA, having permanent residence in Croatia or in a Contracting State of the EEA, holding a university degree in an area other than technical or natural sciences, having at least five years of working experience in jobs relating to the acquisition and maintenance of industrial property rights, obtained after completing the studies and having passed the professional examination for patent representatives before the Office,²
3. an attorney entered in the Register of Attorneys maintained by the Croatian Bar Association who passed the professional examination for patent representatives before the Office, or a law firm employing such an attorney or cooperating with him pursuant to some other contractual relationship,
4. any legal person with a registered office in Croatia or in a Contracting State of the EEA, employing at least one person meeting the conditions referred to in point 1 or 2 of this paragraph or cooperating with such person pursuant to some other contractual relationship and performing the activities of representation before the Office as its registered activity.²

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

² See footnote 1.

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

GB United Kingdom

The International Bureau has been notified of changes in the address of the **Culture Collection of Algae and Protozoa (CCAP)**, an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The new address is as follows:

Culture Collection of Algae and Protozoa (CCAP)
SAMS Ltd.
Scottish Marine Institute
Oban, Argyll PA37 1QA
Scotland
United Kingdom

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

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

DO Dominican Republic

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 4 October 2016, the **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 November 2016, as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

- facsimile, text string and click wrap types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

– by e-mail at: epct@onapi.gob.do

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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

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

PA Panama

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On 4 October 2016, the **Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 November 2016, as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

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

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

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

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

- facsimile, text string and click wrap types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
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- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

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

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

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

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

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

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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

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

TRANSMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO EARLIER SEARCH OR CLASSIFICATION: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY UNDER PCT RULE 23bis.2(b)

During its forty-seventh (20th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 5 to 14 October 2015, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 23bis of the PCT Regulations concerning the transmittal of documents relating to earlier search or classification. New Rule 23bis will enter into force on 1 July 2017.

New Rule 23bis.2(b) states: “Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a receiving Office may notify the International Bureau by April 14, 2016 that it may, on request of the applicant submitted together with the international application, decide not to transmit the results of an earlier search to the International Searching Authority. The International Bureau shall publish any notification under this provision in the Gazette.”

The Offices (in their capacity as receiving Offices) of the following States have notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility:

- DE** **Germany**
- FI** **Finland**
- SE** **Sweden**

TRANSMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO EARLIER SEARCH OR CLASSIFICATION: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY UNDER PCT RULE 23bis.2(e)

During its forty-seventh (20th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 5 to 14 October 2015, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 23bis of the PCT Regulations concerning the transmittal of documents relating to earlier search or classification. New Rule 23bis will enter into force on 1 July 2017.

New Rule 23bis.2(e) states: “To the extent that, on October 14, 2015, the transmission of the copies referred to in paragraph (a), or the transmission of such copies in a particular form, such as those referred to in paragraph (a), without the authorization by the applicant is not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, that paragraph shall not apply to the transmission of such copies, or to the transmission of such copies in the particular form concerned, in respect of any international application filed with that receiving Office for as long as such transmission without the authorization by the applicant continues not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 14, 2016. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The Offices (in their capacity as receiving Offices) of the following States have notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility and of the extent to which it applies:

AU Australia

To the extent that the patent application, document or information is not open for public inspection (as defined in Section 55 of the Australian Patents Act 1990). The Commissioner must not disclose the patent application, document or information without the consent of the applicant.

CH Switzerland

To the extent that before publication of the patent application or before the grant of the patent, if the latter occurs first, the following persons are entitled to consult the file, the applicant and his agent, persons who are able to prove that the applicant is accusing them of violating the rights arising from his patent application, or is warning them against such violation, third parties who are able to prove that the applicant or his agent agrees to such consultation.

CZ Czechia

To the extent that the patent application has not yet been published.

FI Finland

To the extent that the national law of Finland does not permit the transmission of information relating to unpublished applications.

HU Hungary

To the extent that prior to publication of the patent application, only the applicant, his representative, the expert, or the body called upon to give an expert opinion, furthermore – if it is necessary for performing their tasks prescribed in Act XXXIII of 1995 on the Protection of Inventions by Patents – the court, the prosecutor or the investigation authority may inspect the files. The inventor may inspect the files even if he is not the applicant. After publication – and subject to the following text – anyone may inspect the files of the patent application. Apart from the cases laid down in the Public Administration Procedures Act, the following shall be excluded from inspection even after publication. Documents used for the preparation of decisions and expert opinions that were not communicated to the parties. Documents indicating the identity of the inventor if the inventor has requested that publication of his name be disregarded. Personal data not indicated in the Patent Register and not communicated in giving official information, unless the persons concerned explicitly approved the inspection thereof or a third person is allowed access to documents containing personal data pursuant to the provisions of the Public Administration Procedures Act.

IL Israel

To the extent that under the national law of Israel all documents relating to a patent application are confidential until it is published.

JP Japan

To the extent that under the national law of Japan, the Japan Patent Office is not allowed to provide to third parties the documents pertaining to examination, among others, of any patent application without authorization by the applicant, until the application is either registered or published (Article 186(1)(i) of Japanese Patent Act).

NO Norway

To the extent that, unless requested by the applicant, the Office may not publish (or transmit) documents (e.g.: the patent application as filed) before the date on which the patent was granted, or 18 months have passed from the national filing date or, if priority is claimed, the priority date. With regard to any documents other than the patent application as filed (e.g.: search copy, search report, prior art listing, examination report, etc.), such documents are considered as internal case documents, and, subject to Section 14 of the Norwegian Publicity Act (Law 19.05.2006 No.16) are exempted from public access. These documents are therefore, in accordance with Section 22 of the Norwegian Patents Act, not made available to the public.

SE Sweden

To the extent that such copies are not yet open to the public, or, the sending of such copies is not expressly allowed through an agreement concerning exchange of search results with a patent Office abroad and in which the patent Office abroad binds itself not to make the search results open to the public.

SG Singapore

To the extent that under Section 108(2) of the Singapore Patents Act, documents or information relating to an unpublished application cannot be published or communicated to any person by the Registrar of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore without authorization from the applicant.

US United States of America

To the extent that the national law of the United States of America (35 USC 122 and 37 CFR 1.14), require that patent applications that have not been published must be kept in confidence unless specifically authorized by the applicant. As such, absent such specific authorization, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (acting in its capacity as receiving Office under the PCT), is unable to transmit the documents and information provided for in PCT Rule 23*bis*.2(a).

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 2017, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and
2 January 2017,
14 and 17 April 2017,
25 May 2017,
5 June 2017,
7 September 2017,
25 and 29 December 2017.

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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DO Dominican Republic

Following the notification by the **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 November 2016 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 October 2016, pages 205 *et seq.*), equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	USD	205
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	USD	307

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

PA Panama

Following the notification by the **Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 November 2016 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 October 2016, pages 207 *et seq.*), equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	USD	205
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	USD	307

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

GB United Kingdom

The **Intellectual Property Office¹ (United Kingdom)** has notified a change concerning the number of copies of the international application on paper required by it – one copy must now be filed instead of three.

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

¹ Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has clarified some of the conditions for reduction of the national fee² – the filing fee is reduced by 50% if the application is filed by electronic means; the same reduction applies where the text of the application filed on paper has been furnished additionally on an electronic carrier (e.g. CD-ROM, DVD).

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

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

JP Japan

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and pursuant to Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Japan Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, on 24 October 2016, of a number of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 18 March 2010, pages 67 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed using the PCT-SAFE software, with effect from 1 January 2017. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the aforementioned notification:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
 - (a) JISX 0208
 - (b) Shift-JIS
 - (c) IBM943-Unicode3.0/UTF-8 table in IBM AIX
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2 and Annex C)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JFIF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

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

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5)

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

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

² As published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 6 October 2016, page 202.

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

– JPO PAS (Internet version)

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

Enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4) is needed as a signature under PCT Article 14(1)(a)(i).

Text string signature can be used for other purposes, such as the signature for a declaration of inventorship under Section 214.

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

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain the information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the above-mentioned means of transmittal or document packaging that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates, applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by issuing an error message.

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

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

The following means of online payment are accepted: (i) payment by JPO's deposit account, or (ii) payment to the Japanese government account by online banking.

In addition, the following means of payment are accepted: (i) payment by patent revenue stamps, or (ii) payment to the Japanese government account by bank transfer.

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

The Office has put in place a support center for online filing.

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

This support center is open from Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays, from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m., and it may be contacted:

- by phone, at: +81 (0)3 5744 8534
- by fax, at: +81 (0)3 3582 0510

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

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software³

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

The Office will accept no filing of documents in pre-conversion format together with the international application.

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

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

The Office will provide information on its website (www.jpo.go.jp) concerning the availability of online filing systems.

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

- Registrar of Legal Affairs Bureau (www.moj.go.jp/ONLINE/CERTIFICATION/index.html)
- Secom Trust Systems Co., Ltd. (www.secomtrust.net/service/ninsyo/forgid.html)
- Nippon Denshi Ninsho Co., Ltd. (www.ninsho.co.jp/aosign/index.html)
- Teikoku Databank, Ltd. (www.tdb.co.jp/typeA/index.html)
- e-Probatio CA (www.e-probatio.com)
- Japannet Corporation (www.japannet.jp/ca/index.html)
- Tohoku Information Systems Co., Inc. (<https://www.toinx.net/ebs/info.html>)
- JPKI (www.jpki.go.jp)
- J-LIS (www.kojinbango-card.go.jp/kojinbango/)
- GPKI (www.gpki.go.jp)
- LGPKI (www.lgpki.jp)

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

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

³ Applicable since 1 April 2016.

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DJ Djibouti

The **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)** has notified additional details concerning:

– the filing of documents by e-mail (PCT Rule 92.4) – all kinds of documents may be so transmitted, and the original of the document must be furnished within one month from the date of the transmission if the document is an international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of an international application;

– its requirements as to 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) – it accepts such evidence provided that the delivery service is DHL or Federal Express.

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

IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified changes in its telephone numbers and e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	Kolkata:	(91-33)	23 67 19 87, 23 67 50 91
	New Delhi:	(91-11)	25 30 02 00, 28 03 43 10, 25 30 03 35 (PCT Section)
	Chennai:	(91-44)	22 50 20 80, 22 50 20 60
	Mumbai:	(91-22)	24 15 36 51, 24 14 81 61
E-mail:	Kolkata:		kolkata-patent@nic.in
	New Delhi:		delhi-patent@nic.in patentin-pct@nic.in (PCT Section)
	Chennai:		chennai-patent@nic.in
	Mumbai:		mumbai-patent@nic.in

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified that, as from 1 January 2017, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications using the PCT-SAFE software.¹

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

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has specified the Austrian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Mexico with the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property, or with the International Bureau, with effect since 25 October 2016.

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES, INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES, AUTHORITIES SPECIFIED FOR SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH AND INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation

On 28 October 2014, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau that it was prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form filed using ePCT-Filing, with effect from 1 November 2014.

Also on that date, the Office notified an updated version of its set of notifications made under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and pursuant to Sections 710 and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. This updated version was published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 13 November 2014, pages 164 *et seq.* It follows that notices published in PCT Gazette No. 18/2006, of 4 May 2006, page 12954, and in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 15 May 2014, page 70, are still in force.

¹ See the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 27 October 2016, pages 216 *et seq.*

Under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and pursuant to Sections 710(a)(i) and (iii) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau that, in addition to receiving and processing international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, it is prepared to receive and process subsequently filed documents for international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, with effect since 1 November 2016. Hence, the current means for filing international applications and/or subsequently filed documents with the Office are EPO Online Filing, PCT-SAFE, the EPO web-form filing service, the EPO case management system and ePCT-Filing.

Consequently, since 1 November 2016, the following notification replaces the updated version referred to in the second paragraph, above.

“FILING VIA EPO ONLINE FILING AND PCT-SAFE:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- ASCII (7- and 8-bit) (see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

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

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- CD-R filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d) and (e))
- DVD-R or DVD+R filing (see Annex F, section 5)

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

- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1)
- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

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

- EPO Online Filing software
- 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 notification of receipt of any purported international application filed with the European Patent Office as receiving Office in electronic form will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The European Patent Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) or if the package submitted does not contain any files, will a notification or confirmation of receipt not be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or missing files are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

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

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

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

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

The European Patent Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20 20
- by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

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

- international application
- subsequently filed documents (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

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

The European Patent Office will accept the filing of documents in pre-conversion format under Section 706(a) and (f) of the Administrative Instructions. In particular, the files should be archived in ZIP format and contain either plain ASCII text or be created with one of the following word processing programs:

- Microsoft Word 97 and later releases
- Corel WordPerfect 6.1, 8 & 10 and later releases
- Writer of OpenOffice 2.0 and later releases (including the corresponding StarOffice products)

Any objects originating from other programs may be embedded into documents being generated by the word processing programs mentioned above as long as they can be viewed without loss of the information being contained in these objects.

Documents in a format other than those mentioned above may be attached in that format only if the applicant informs the European Patent Office at the time of filing where it can within reason acquire the relevant software.

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

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

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

- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Väestörekisterikeskus (VRK) (www.vaestorekisterikeskus.fi) (FINEID smartcards)
- Fábrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre (FNMT) (www.cert.fnmt.es) (CERES certificates)

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

- European Patent Register

FILING VIA THE EPO WEB-FORM FILING SERVICE:

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

- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

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

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

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

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

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

The European Patent Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20 20
- by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

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

- international application
- subsequently filed documents (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

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

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

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

- European Patent Register

FILING VIA THE EPO CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:

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

- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

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

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

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

The European Patent Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20 20
- by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

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

- international application
- subsequently filed documents (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

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

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

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

- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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

- European Patent Register

FILING VIA ePCT-FILING:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

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

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

The European Patent Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) or if the package submitted does not contain any files, will a notification or confirmation of receipt not be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or missing files are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

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

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

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

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

- international application
- subsequently filed documents through ePCT Document upload (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

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

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

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

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

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

- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Västöräkisterikeskus (VRK) (www.vaestorekisterikeskus.fi) (FINEID smartcards)
- Fábrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre (FNMT) (www.cert.fnmt.es) (CERES certificates)

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

- European Patent Register”

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

FI Finland

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and pursuant to Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, on 2 November 2016, of a number of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 1 May 2014, pages 58 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed using the PCT-SAFE software, with effect from 1 January 2017. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the aforementioned notification:

“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)):

- on-line filing (see Annex F, section 5.1 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing
- EPO online filing software

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

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

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

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

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1), or if outdated certificates have been used, that a notification of receipt will not be generated. Other errors, such as applications being infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic, are notified to the applicant in the acknowledgement of receipt. Where it transpires that an acknowledgement of receipt transmitted to the applicant by electronic means was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

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

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

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

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

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

This help desk is open from Monday to Friday, from 9.00 a.m. until 4.15 p.m.

The PRH patent help desk may be contacted as follows:

- by telephone: (358-0) 29509 5858
- by web form (in Finnish) at the following address:
https://www.prh.fi/fi/patentit/palvelut_ja_tietokannat/sahkoinenpatenttihakemus-olf/helpdesk.html
- further information:
<https://www.prh.fi/en/patentit/servicesanddatabases/patentadvisoryservice.html>

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

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications as supported by the relevant software

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

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application. The files should be in ZIP format and contain texts either in ASCII plain text or in any other commonly known format.

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

In the event of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to inform the applicant of alternative filing procedures.

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

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

EPO online filing software:

- citizen certificates on identity cards issued by the Finnish Police (for the certificate policy, see www.fineid.fi/)
- organization certificates on organization cards issued by the Finnish Population Register Center (for the certificate policy, see www.fineid.fi/)
- European Patent Office certificate on EPO smart cards issued by the European Patent Office CA (for the certificate policy, see www.epo.org/applying/online-services/security.html)

ePCT-Filing:

- WIPO customer certificate issued by the WIPO Customer CA (for the certificate policy, see www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- European Patent Office certificate on EPO smart cards issued by the European Patent Office CA (for the certificate policy, see www.epo.org/applying/online-services/security.html)

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

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified that, as from 1 January 2017, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications using the PCT-SAFE software (see above).

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

OM Oman

The **Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman)** has specified the Egyptian Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Oman with the Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 31 October 2016.

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

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BN Brunei Darussalam

The **Brunei Darussalam Intellectual Property Office (BruIPO)** has notified a change in its Internet address, which is now as follows:

www.energy.gov.bn/briipo/Home.aspx

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

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, telephone numbers and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Arenal 550 Col. Pueblo Santa Maria Tepepan C.P. 16020 Ciudad de México Mexico
Telephone:	(52-5) 334 07 24, 334 07 00 (ext. 10606, 10024, 10010)
E-mail:	dp@impi.gob.mx

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **Mexican peso (MXN)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2016, as follows:

For a patent:	MXN 6,147.40 ¹	or
	MXN 3,803.12 ²	
For a utility model:	MXN 2,162.13 ¹	or
	MXN 1,380.70 ²	

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

¹ Payable where the national phase is entered under PCT Article 22.

² Payable where the national phase is entered under PCT Article 39(1).

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

HN Honduras

Information on the requirements of the **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Honduras)** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (HN), which is published on pages 237 and 238.

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

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**DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (HONDURAS)**

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Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(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: Honduran lempira (HNL) For patent or utility model: Filing fee: ¹ HNL 1,500 Annual fees, per year: HNL 200
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
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} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant 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} Translation of the international application to be furnished in three copies ³ Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Honduras 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

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**DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (HONDURAS)**

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Who can act as agent?

Any attorney registered in Honduras

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

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XV Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)

The **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)** has notified a change in its telephone number, as well as its facsimile number, as follows:

Telephone: (361) 613 51 30

Facsimile machine: (361) 799 01 88

Furthermore, 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; all kinds of documents may be so transmitted, and the original of the document must be furnished in all cases, within 14 days from the date of the transmission.

In addition, the Office has notified that it now accepts 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).

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

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PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General at the time of the forty-eighth (28th extraordinary) session of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held in Geneva from 3 to 11 October 2016, 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 2017, in various currencies, as indicated in the table published on page 242.

Furthermore, 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, also with effect from 1 January 2017, as indicated in the table published on pages 243 to 246.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the supplementary search fees have been established in Swiss franc for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, also with effect from 1 January 2017, as indicated in the table published on pages 247 and 248.

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

Annexes C(AM), (AP), (AU), (AZ), (BH), (BW), (BY), (BZ), (CA), (CL), (CR), (CU), (DJ), (DK), (DO), (EA), (EC), (EG), (GB), (GE), (GH), (GT), (HN), (HU), (IB), (IL), (IN), (IS), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KZ), (LR), (MD), (MW), (MX), (NI), (NO), (NZ), (OM), (PA), (PE), (PG), (PH), (QA), (RU), (SA), (SC), (SE), (SG), (SV), (SY), (TJ), (TM), (TT), (UA), (US), (UZ), (ZA), (ZM) and (ZW),

all Annexes D,

Annexes SISA(RU), (SG) and (UA),

Annexes E(AU), (CA), (CL), (EG), (IL), (IN), (JP), (KR), (RU), (SE), (SG), (US) and (XN).]

AZ Azerbaijan

The **State Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Patent of the Republic of 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 35.40 and AZN 23.60, respectively.

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

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **US dollar (USD)**, has been established. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2017, is USD 103.

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

Official Notices (PCT Gazette) – 24 November 2016

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

(applicable from January 1, 2017)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 03.10.16	International filing fee	Fee per sheet in excess of 30	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a)	
		Rule 15.2(a)	Rule 15.2(a)	Item 4(a)	Item 4(b)	Item 4(c)	Schedule of fees Item 3	
Reference currency Swiss franc		1,330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar	0.74662262	1,811 1,781	20 20	n.a. n.a.	272 268	408 402	272 268	Current amount New amount
CAD - Canadian dollar	0.74211854	1,782 1,792	20 20	n.a. n.a.	268 269	402 404	268 269	Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone	0.14661862	9,090 9,070	100 100	n.a. n.a.	1,370 1,360	2,050 2,050	1,370 1,360	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	1.09141470	1,219 1,219	14 14	92 92	183 183	275 275	183 183	Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling	1.25105285	1,053 1,063	12 12	n.a. n.a.	158 160	238 240	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint	0.00354968	380,800 374,700	4,300 4,200	n.a. n.a.	57,300 56,300	85,900 84,500	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
ILS - New Israeli sheqel	0.25861050	* *	* *	* *	* *	* *	794 773	Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona	0.00854808	161,500 155,600	1,800 1,800	n.a. n.a.	24,300 23,400	36,400 35,100	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen	0.00958147	143,700 138,800	1,600 1,600	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	32,400 31,300	21,600 20,900	Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.00088113	** **	** **	** **	** **	** **	238,000 227,000	Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone	0.12191993	11,460 10,910	130 120	n.a. n.a.	1,720 1,640	2,590 2,460	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	0.70749031	1,945 1,880	22 21	n.a. n.a.	292 283	439 424	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona	0.11360065	11,380 11,710	130 130	n.a. n.a.	1,710 1,760	2,570 2,640	1,710 1,760	Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.71293580	1,837 1,866	21 21	n.a. n.a.	276 281	414 421	276 281	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	0.97302773	1,363 1,367	15 15	102 103	205 206	307 308	205 206	Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.07146247	19,100 18,610	220 210	n.a. n.a.	2,870 2,800	4,310 4,200	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount

* Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in New Israeli sheqels of the amounts in US dollars indicated above.

** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Korean won of the amounts in Swiss francs indicated above.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2017)

International Searching Authority	IS/A/T		IS/A/U		IS/A/B/R		IS/A/C/A		IS/A/C/L			
	EUR	1,864	AUD	2,200	BRL	2,525	1,685	CAD	1,600	USD		2,000
Reference currency & Amount	Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate	
Exchange rates applicable on 03.10.2016												
CHF - Swiss franc	1.09141470	2,034	0.74662262	1,616	0.30328716	752 ¹	502 ¹	0.74211854	1,194 ¹	0.97302773	1,952 ¹	293 ¹
USD - US dollar	0.89152888	2,084	1.30323901	1,674	3.20627211	766 ¹	511 ¹	1.31114665	1,187 ¹		1,946 ¹	292 ¹
EUR - Euro		2,091	1.46160235	1,688		776	518		1,261			Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar				1,481¹		787	525		1,220			New amount
DKK - Danish krone				1,505¹		695 ¹	464 ¹		1,094 ¹		1,789 ¹	268 ¹
GBP - Pound sterling					3.59661626	702 ¹	468 ¹		1,088 ¹		1,783 ¹	267 ¹
HUF - Hungarian forint												Current amount
ISK - Icelandic krona												New amount
JPY - Japanese yen												Current amount
KRW - Korean won	0.00080733	2,419,000		1,858,000 ²								New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone		2,309,000	0.00118016	1,864,000								Current amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar												New amount
SEK - Swedish krona			0.94758756	2,397								Current amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.65322173	2,780		2,210								New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.06547691	28,940	0.96468106	2,304								Current amount
		28,470	0.09571431	23,900								New amount
				22,990								Current amount

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¹ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.
² Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2016.

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International Searching Authority	ISA/CN		ISA/EG		ISA/EP		ISA/ES		ISA/FI		ISA/IL	
	Reference currency & Amount	CNY	EGP	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	ILS	3,529
Exchange rates applicable on 03.10.2016	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	
CHF - Swiss franc	323 0.14586672	430 ³ 306	0.10984682	2,046 2,046	2,046 ³ 2,046 ³	2,046 ³ 2,046 ³	2,046 ³ 2,046 ³	2,046 ³ 2,046 ³	2,046 ³ 2,046 ³	2,046 ³ 2,046 ³	0.25861050	905 ³ 913 ³
USD - US dollar	330 6.6766315	451 315	8.85779995	2,097 2,103	2,097 2,103	2,097 2,103	2,097 2,103	2,097 2,103	2,097 2,103	2,097 2,103	3.78252206	912 938
EUR - Euro	296 ³ 7.48227376	395 ³ 281 ³	9.95551656								4.22030305	837 ³ 836 ³
AUD - Australian dollar												
DKK - Danish krone				13,990 13,960								
GBP - Pound sterling				1,617 1,636								
HUF - Hungarian forint				585,800 576,500								
ISK - Icelandic krona				250,000 239,400								
JPY - Japanese yen				213,000 213,600								
KRW - Korean won												
NOK - Norwegian krone				17,640 16,780								
NZD - New Zealand dollar				2,953 2,892								
SEK - Swedish krona				17,500 18,010								
SGD - Singapore dollar				2,800 2,870								
ZAR - South African rand				29,110 28,640								

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³ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

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International Searching Authority	ISA/IN		ISA/JP		ISA/KR		ISA/RU		ISA/SE ⁴						
	Reference currency & Amount	INR	10,000	2,500	JPY	156,000	70,000	KRW	1,300,000	450,000	RUB	28,000	6,750	SEK	17,500
Exchange rates applicable on 03.10.2016	Exch. rate				Exch. rate			Exch. rate			Exch. rate			SEK	18,010
CHF - Swiss franc	0.0146250	150	37	1,444	0.0088147	648	379	0.01559429	409	99	2.046	Current amount			Current amount
		146	37 ⁵	1,495		671	397		437	105	2.046	New amount			New amount
USD - US dollar	66.45227932	154 ⁵	36 ⁵	1,530	1104.29267745	686	388	62.39639726	420	101	2.097	Current amount			Current amount
		150⁵	34 ⁵	1,536		689	408		449	108	2,103	New amount			New amount
EUR - Euro	74.53743876	137 ⁵	34 ⁵	1,373 ⁵	1238.65048203	616 ⁵	347 ⁵	69.98606297	381	92	1,875	Current amount			Current amount
		134⁵		1,370⁵		615⁵	363⁵		400	96	1,875	New amount			New amount
AUD - Australian dollar					847.34470847		533 ⁶					Current amount			Current amount
							531					New amount			New amount
DKK - Danish krone												Current amount			Current amount
												New amount			New amount
GBP - Pound sterling												Current amount			Current amount
												New amount			New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint												Current amount			Current amount
												New amount			New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona												Current amount			Current amount
												New amount			New amount
JPY - Japanese yen												Current amount			Current amount
												New amount			New amount
KRW - Korean won				n.a.	0.09166206	756,000						Current amount			Current amount
				n.a.		761,000						New amount			New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone												Current amount			Current amount
												New amount			New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar												Current amount			Current amount
												New amount			New amount
SEK - Swedish krona								802.83330637	1,616	559		Current amount			Current amount
									1,619	560		New amount			New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar				1,968		n.a.						Current amount			Current amount
				2,097	74.40773831	n.a.						New amount			New amount
ZAR - South African rand												Current amount			Current amount
												New amount			New amount

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⁴ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2017, fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, 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 Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2016.

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International Searching Authority	ISA/SG		ISA/UA		ISA/US		ISA/XN ⁷		ISA/XV	
	SGD	EUR	USD	EUR	USD	DKK	EUR	DKK	EUR	EUR
Reference currency & Amount		2,240	300		2,080	1,040	520		13,990	1,875
Exchange rates applicable on 03.10.2016	Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate			Exch. Rate		
CHF - Swiss franc	0.71293580	1,621 ⁸ 1,597⁸	325 ⁸ 327⁸	1.09141470	2,030 2,024	1,015 1,012	508 506	2,046 ⁸ 2,046⁸	1.09141470	2,046 ⁸ 2,046⁸
USD - US dollar	1.36481815	1,578 1,641	328 ⁸ 337⁸	0.89152888				2,097 ⁸ 2,103⁸	0.89152888	2,097 ⁸ 2,103⁸
EUR - Euro	1.53087374	1,501 ⁸ 1,463⁸			1,860 ⁸ 1,854⁸	930 ⁸ 927⁸	465 ⁸ 464⁸	1,875 ⁸ 1,875⁸		Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar					1.12166965					Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone										Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling										Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint										Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona										Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen	0.01343946	167,500 166,700						250,000 239,400	0.00325236	585,800 576,500
KRW - Korean won										Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone										Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar										Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona					0.72710190	1,490 1,430	740 715			Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar										Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand					0.07344340	28,280 28,320	7,070 7,080			Current amount New amount

⁷ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2017, fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

⁸ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

[End of Table 2]

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2017)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT		ISAE/EP		ISA/FI		ISA/RU		ISA/SE	
	EUR	CHF	EUR	CHF	EUR	CHF	EUR	CHF	EUR	CHF
Reference currency & Amount	850 ¹	1,190 ²	1,700 ³	1,875	1,875	11,800	18,880 ⁵	17,500	18,010 ⁶	17,500
Exchange rate applicable on 03.10.2016	Exch. Rate			Exch. Rate	Exch. Rate	Exch. Rate	Exch. Rate	Exch. Rate	Exch. Rate	Exch. Rate
CHF - Swiss franc	1.09141470	928	1,855	1.09141470	2,046	1.09141470	0.01559429	184	294	2,046

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1 For a search of only the German-language documentation.
 2 For a search of only the European or North American documentation.
 3 For a full search of the PCT minimum documentation.
 4 This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
 5 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
 6 This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2017.

Table 3
[continued]

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/SG	ISA/JA	ISA/XN	ISA/XV
Reference currency & Amount	SGD 2,240	EUR 100 ⁷ 150 ⁸ 200 ⁹	DKK 4,000 ¹⁰ 13,990	EUR 550 ¹¹ 1,875
Exchange rate applicable on 03.10.2016	Exch. Rate	Exch. Rate	13,960 ¹²	Exch. Rate
CHF – Swiss franc	0.71293560	1.09141470	590	1.09141470
	1,597	164	2,046	600
		218		2,046

[End of Table 3]

⁷ For a search of only the PCT minimum documentation.

⁸ For a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation.

⁹ For a search of only the European and North American documentation.

¹⁰ For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

¹¹ For a search of only the documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak.

¹² This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2017.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified changes in relation to its entry concerning the provisional protection available after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent – the relevant provisions are now Articles 22, 33 and 56(3) and (4) of the Patent Law (Law No. 64/1991).

[Updating of Annex B1(RO) 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 from 1 January 2017, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	ISK 17,300
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ISK 4,600
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	ISK 41,400 ¹

[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 49ter.2(d), in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 January 2017, is ISK 41,400¹.

In addition, the 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 also applicable from 1 January 2017, as follows:

Application fee:	ISK 64,400
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	ISK 4,100
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation:	ISK 17,300
Annual fees for the first three years:	ISK 33,000

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

¹ The current amount of this fee, applicable since 1 December 2014, is ISK 36,000.

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 **new leu (RON)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2017, are RON 445 and RON 89, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(RO) 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 a change in the location and mailing address of its branch office in Banja Luka, which is now as follows:

Akademika Jovana Surutke 13/III
78000 Banja Luka
Bosnia and Herzegovina

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2017, are CHF 229, EUR 213 and USD 225, respectively.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

DJ Djibouti

The **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)** has specified the Austrian Patent Office, in addition to the Egyptian Patent Office and the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Djibouti with the Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 1 December 2016.

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

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CU Cuba

The **Cuban Industrial Property Office** has notified changes in its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

(537) 862 43 79, 862 43 95, 866 05 57, 866 05 59

Furthermore, the Office has notified that it no longer accepts 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).

In addition, the Office has notified a change with relation to the types of protection available via the PCT, which now consist of patents and utility models.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

CU Cuba

The **Cuban Industrial Property Office** has notified a change concerning the number of copies of the international application on paper required by it – one copy must now be filed instead of three.

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes concerning whether an agent is required by it – an agent is not required if the applicant resides in Cuba, but is required if the applicant does not have a domicile or a real and effective industrial or commercial establishment in the country.

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

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified the International Bureau that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a), it now accepts Polish, in addition to English, French and German, as a language in which international applications may be filed.

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

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

CU Cuba

The **Cuban Industrial Property Office** has notified its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

<p>Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:</p>		<p>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</p>
<p>the indications prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)</p>	<p>any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column</p>	
<p>The name of the depositary institution, the date of the deposit and the accession number at the time of filing (as part of the application)</p>	<p>At the time of filing (as part of the application)</p>	<p>To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material</p>
<p>The certificate of deposit must be submitted within 16 months from the date of filing of the application or, if applicable, the date of the priority claim.</p>		

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

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

XV Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)

Agreement between the Visegrad Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)** 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 1 February 2017. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“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))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Supplementary search fee, full search (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[No change]
Supplementary search fee for searches only on the documents in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak held in the search collection of the Authority (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	900
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i> .2]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	900
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[No change]
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 44.3(b)), per page	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

icd@belgopatent.by

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

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 Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2017, is ILS 549.

[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 Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 January 2017, is ILS 2,010.

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

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified new amounts of several fees, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2016, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) ² :	RSD 7,330	
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RSD 1,760	for the first document up to 10 pages
	plus [No change]	for each subsequent document up to 10 pages
	plus [No change]	per page in excess of 10

² This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

Fee for requesting restoration
of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)): RSD 2,940

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes are also applicable since 1 July 2016. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows³:

For a patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 7,330
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	RSD 720
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee
Reduced examination fee for international applications:	RSD 7,330
Annual fee for the first three years:	RSD 10,270

For a petty patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 7,330
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee

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

XV Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)

The **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)** has notified new amounts of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)) and of the additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2017, are EUR 900 for each of the fees.

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

³ The fees are reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.