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## **INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

### **CA Canada**

#### **Agreement between the Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization<sup>1</sup>**

Following the publication in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 15 November 2018 (pages 331 and 332) of the text of an Amendment to the Agreement concluded between the **Canadian Commissioner of Patents** and the International Bureau extending the appointment of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT until 31 December 2019, or until the day before the entry into force of a new Agreement on the same subject matter (in accordance with PCT Articles 16(3)(b) and 32(3) and the domestic legal and constitutional procedures of Canada), the parties have concluded a new Agreement, which entered into force on 28 December 2018.

The new Agreement is effective until 31 December 2027, and is set out at the end of the present issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

## **RECEIVING OFFICES**

### **BH Bahrain**

The **National Patent Office (Bahrain)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the requirements concerning who can act as agent — since 9 November 2018, any attorney or lawyer registered to practice before the Office can act as such.

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

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<sup>1</sup> Available on the WIPO website at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag\\_ca.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ca.pdf).

## DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

### BH Bahrain

On 12 November 2018, the **National Patent Office (Bahrain)** notified the International Bureau that a copy of the international application is no longer required by the Office.

In addition, the Office notified the International Bureau of a change concerning one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*.1 — the Office no longer requires applicants to furnish two copies of the translation of the international application.

The Office also notified the International Bureau of a change in the requirements concerning who can act as agent — since 9 November 2018, any attorney or lawyer registered to practice before the Office can act as such.

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

## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national fee<sup>2</sup>, in **Colombian pesos (COP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2019, are as follows:

| For a patent:   | Online                                | On paper                              |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Filing fee:   | COP 76,000                            | COP 95,000                            |
| Annual fee:   |                                       |                                       |
| – for the 1 <sup>st</sup> to the 4 <sup>th</sup> year,<br>per year: | COP 266,500<br>(396,000) <sup>3</sup> | COP 320,000<br>(475,000) <sup>3</sup> |
| For a utility model:  |                                       |                                       |
| – Filing fee:   | COP 66,500                            | COP 83,000                            |

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

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<sup>2</sup> Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable fee amount.

<sup>3</sup> The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of late payment within a grace period of six months from the due date.

**IL Israel**

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts, in **new Israel shekels (ILS)**, of the transmittal fee and the fee for priority document, applicable since 1 January 2019 and payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

|                                   |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Transmittal fee<br>(PCT Rule 14): | ILS 557 |
| Fee for priority document:        | ILS 88  |

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

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

**IL Israel**

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, with effect since 1 January 2019. The requirements are now as follows:

| Designated<br>(or elected) Office     | Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from<br>priority date by which applicant must<br>furnish:  |   | Additional indications<br>(if any) which must be<br>given besides those<br>prescribed in<br>Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)<br>pursuant to<br>notifications from the<br>Offices concerned |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|
|                                       | the indications<br>prescribed in<br>Rule 13bis.3(a)(i)<br>to (iii)  | any additional<br>matter specified<br>in the adjacent<br>right-hand<br>column |   |
| <b>Israel</b><br>Israel Patent Office | The name of the<br>depository institution,<br>the date of the deposit<br>and the accession<br>number at the time of<br>filing (must be in the<br>description) | None  | To the extent available to<br>the applicant, relevant<br>information on the<br>characteristics of the<br>microorganism  |

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

## **AGREEMENT**

between the Government of Canada  
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents  
as an International Searching Authority  
and International Preliminary Examining Authority  
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

### **Preamble**

The Government of Canada and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization, hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”,

Considering that the Patent Cooperation Treaty Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Canadian Commissioner of Patents as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, done at Washington, on June 19, 1970, 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 (PCT);
  - (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 Canadian Commissioner of Patents;
  - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

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

## **Article 2 Basic Obligations**

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

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

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

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

## **Article 3 Competence of Authority**

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

#### **Article 4** **Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined**

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

#### **Article 5** **Fees and Charges**

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

**Article 6  
Classification**

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

**Article 7  
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority**

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

**Article 8  
International-Type Search**

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

**Article 9  
Entry into Force**

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date specified in the written notification from the Government of Canada to the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization informing that it has completed its internal procedures necessary for the entry into force of this Agreement.

**Article 10  
Duration and Renewability**

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The Parties shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

**Article 11  
Amendment**

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the Parties; they shall take effect in accordance with the process set out in Article 9 of this Agreement.



(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 Government of Canada; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect in accordance with the process set out in Article 9 of this Agreement.

(3) The Government of Canada may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and
- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

**Article 12  
Termination**

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
- (i) if the Government of Canada 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 Government of Canada 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018, in two originals in the English and French languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Government of Canada by:  
by:

Johanne BÉLISLE  
Commissioner of Patents  
Government of Canada

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

Francis GURRY  
Director General  
World Intellectual Property Organization

**Annex A  
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

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

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

Canada, and the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Canada, and the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

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

- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:

English, French.

**Annex B  
Supplementary International Search:  
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions**

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

**Annex C  
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination**

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination.

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Canadian patent law.

**Annex D  
Fees and Charges**

**Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges**

| Kind of fee or charge   | Amount<br>(Canadian dollars) |
|---|------------------------------|
| Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))   | 1,600                        |
| Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))   | 1,600                        |
| Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))  | 800                          |
| Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))   | 800                          |
| Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2)<br>in electronic form |                              |
| (a) for the first 7 megabytes, plus   | 10 <sup>4</sup>              |
| (b) for each additional 10 megabytes or part thereof<br>exceeding the first 7 megabytes | 10 <sup>4</sup>              |
| Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2),<br>per page (paper)   | 1 <sup>4</sup>               |

**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, up to 25% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search.

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

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

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<sup>4</sup> With respect to Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b), in its capacity as an International Searching Authority, the Authority provides applicants with a first copy of all non-patent literature documents cited in the international search report, free of charge. A first copy of each non-patent literature document cited is made available to designated or elected Offices upon request, free of charge. In its capacity as an International Preliminary Examining Authority, the Authority makes a first copy of all additional non-patent literature documents cited in the international preliminary examination report but not cited in the international search report available to applicants and elected Offices upon request, free of charge.

**Annex E  
Classification**

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

**Annex F  
Languages of Correspondence**

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

**Annex G  
International-Type Search**

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES  
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

**IL Israel**

**Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization<sup>1</sup> - Amendment to Annex D**

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 March 2019. The amended Annex D will read as follows:

**“Annex D  
Fees and Charges**

**Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges**

| <b>Kind of fee or charge</b>   | <b>Amount<br/>(Israel new shekel)</b> |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))  | 3,567                                 |
| Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))  | 3,567                                 |
| Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))   | 1,529                                 |
| Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))  | 1,529                                 |
| Late furnishing fee (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)               | 458                                   |
| Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2),<br>per document | 44                                    |

**Part II. [No change]”**

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<sup>1</sup> Available on the WIPO website at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag\\_il.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf).

## **MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT**

### **NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU**

Following consultation with Offices, Authorities, and certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to Sections 102, 109, 705*bis* and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as well as new Section 406*bis*, were promulgated with effect from 1 January 2019.

The main purpose of these modifications is to:

- (i) facilitate electronic processing of international applications and other related documents (Section 102);
- (ii) extend the permitted length of file references (Section 109);
- (iii) provide a specific basis for an applicant to voluntarily submit a suggested English translation of the title of the invention to the International Bureau, where the application is not filed in English and no translation of the application into English is required by the receiving Office (Section 406*bis*); and
- (iv) shorten the retention time for paper originals by Offices (Sections 705*bis* and 713).

The full text of the Administrative Instructions as in force since 1 January 2019 (PCT/AI/19) is available on the WIPO website at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai.pdf).

### **TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS** *(as in force from 1 January 2019)*

#### **Section 102** **Use of the Forms**

(a) Subject to paragraphs (b) to (k) and Section 103, the International Authorities shall use, or require the use of, the mandatory Forms specified below:

*[List of forms omitted]*

(b) Slight variations in layout necessary in view of the printing of the Forms referred to in paragraph (a) in various languages are permitted.

(c) Slight variations in layout in the Forms referred to in paragraph (a)(ii) to (v) are permitted to the extent necessary to meet the particular office requirements of the International Authorities, in particular in view of the production of the Forms by computer or of the use of window envelopes.



(d) Where the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority and/or the International Preliminary Examining Authority are each part of the same Office, the obligation to use the Forms referred to in paragraph (a) does not extend to communications within that same Office.

(e) The annexes to Forms PCT/RO/106, PCT/RO/118, PCT/ISA/201, PCT/ISA/205, PCT/ISA/206, PCT/ISA/210, PCT/ISA/219, PCT/IB/313, PCT/IB/336, PCT/IPEA/404, PCT/IPEA/405 and PCT/IPEA/415 may be omitted in cases where they are not used.

(f) The notes attached to Forms PCT/RO/101 (request Form), PCT/IB/375 (supplementary search request Form) and PCT/IPEA/401 (demand Form) shall be distributed by the International Authorities concerned together with the printed versions of those Forms. The notes attached to Form PCT/ISA/220 shall accompany the Form when sent to the applicant.

(g) The use of Forms other than those referred to in paragraph (a) is optional.

(h) Where the request or the demand is presented as a computer print-out, such print-out shall be prepared as follows:

(i) the layout and contents of the request and the demand when presented as computer print-outs shall correspond to the format of Forms PCT/RO/101 (request Form) and PCT/IPEA/401 (demand Form) (“the printed Forms”), with the same information being presented on the corresponding pages;

(ii) all boxes shall be drawn by solid lines; double lines may be presented as single lines;

(iii) the box numbers and box titles shall be included even where no information is supplied therein;

(iv) the boxes for use by the International Authorities shall be at least as large as those on the printed Forms;

(v) all other boxes shall be within one cm in size of those on the printed Forms;

(vi) all text shall be 9 points or larger in size;

(vii) titles and other information shall be clearly distinguished;

(viii) explanatory notes presented in italics on the printed Forms may be omitted.

(i) Other formats permitted for the presentation of the request and the demand as computer print-outs may be determined by the Director General. Any such format shall be published in the Gazette.

(j) The page-based layout of a Form generated from a character-coded format shall be permitted if it is generated using a stylesheet provided by the International Bureau.<sup>2</sup>

(k) A Form may be transmitted by one Office, International Authority or the International Bureau to another in character-coded format only, without its page-based layout, if the recipient Office, Authority or Bureau has agreed to receive the information in such format and has agreed to generate any page-based layout which may be required for the recipient Office's file records.

### **Section 109 File Reference**

(a) Where any document submitted by the applicant contains an indication of a file reference, that reference shall not exceed 25 characters in length and may be composed of either letters of the Latin alphabet, or Arabic numerals, or both. The hyphen character ("-") may also be used as a separator between alphanumeric characters.

(b) Correspondence from International Authorities intended for the applicant shall indicate any such file reference.

### **Section 406bis Suggested English Translation of the Title of the Invention**

(a) Where the international application is to be published in a language other than English and a translation of the application into English is not required under Rule 12.3(a), the applicant may furnish a suggested translation of the title of the invention into English to the International Bureau before the expiration of 14 months from the priority date.

(b) The International Bureau shall, to the extent possible, take the suggested translation into account in the preparation of the translation referred to in Rule 48.3(c) if it is received within the time limit specified in paragraph (a).

### **Section 705bis Processing in Electronic Form of International Applications Filed on Paper; Home Copy, Record Copy and Search Copy**

(a) Where an international application is filed on paper, it may, subject to this Part, be processed and kept as a complete and accurate copy in electronic form prepared by the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the International Bureau.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> *Editor's Note:* Available from the WIPO website at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/resources](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/resources).

<sup>3</sup> *Editor's Note:* Notifications under Section 705bis(a) should contain information as to the types of electronic document formats and electronic packages that are used by the Office as well as to the means of transmission and any other appropriate information aiming at facilitating the exchange of documents.

(b) Pursuant to paragraph (a) and for the purposes of Article 12, where an international application is filed on paper:

(i) the receiving Office may keep a copy in electronic form referred to in that paragraph as the home copy;

(ii) the International Bureau may keep a copy in electronic form referred to in that paragraph as the record copy;

(iii) the International Searching Authority may keep a copy in electronic form referred to in that paragraph as the search copy.

(c) Where a copy in electronic form is kept as the record copy under paragraph (b)(ii), the original of the international application as filed on paper shall be kept, for a period of at least 5 years from the international filing date, by the International Bureau or, where so agreed by the receiving Office and the International Bureau, by the receiving Office on behalf of the International Bureau. The original shall be marked with the words “INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION – ORIGINAL AS FILED ON PAPER (SECTION 705*bis*)” or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application on the bottom of the first page of the request and of the first page of the description.<sup>4</sup>

(d) Where, before the expiration of the period referred to in paragraph (c), the International Bureau finds, upon request for correction made by the applicant or otherwise, that a copy in electronic form kept as the record copy under paragraph (b)(ii) is not in fact a complete and accurate copy of the original kept under paragraph (c), it shall correct the record copy so as to bring it into conformity with the original. If the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the International Preliminary Examining Authority or a designated or elected Office considers that the International Bureau should make a finding under the first sentence of this paragraph, it shall call the relevant facts to the attention of the International Bureau.

(e) Where the International Bureau has corrected the record copy in accordance with paragraph (d), it shall promptly notify the applicant, publish the corrected international application together with a revised front page, and publish a notice of this fact in the Gazette. Section 422(a)(i) to (v) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* with regard to the notification of the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the International Preliminary Examining Authority and the designated and elected Offices.

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<sup>4</sup> *Editor’s Note:* In principle, receiving Offices should mark the original at the time of its receipt but they could also mark the original when it is relied upon for the purposes of the correction of the record copy under Section 705*bis*(d).

**Section 713**  
**Application of Provisions to International Authorities and the International Bureau, and to Notifications, Communications, Correspondence and Other Documents<sup>5</sup>**

(a) The provisions of this Part, other than Sections 703(c), 704(c) to (g), 707, 708(b)(iii) to (v), 710(a)(iv) and 714(b), shall, if they are capable of applying but do not expressly apply to the International Searching Authorities, the International Preliminary Examining Authorities and the International Bureau, apply *mutatis mutandis* to those Authorities and that Bureau.<sup>6</sup>

(b) The provisions of this Part, other than Sections 703(c), 704(c) to (f), 705, 705bis(b) to (e), 707, 708(b)(iii) to (v) and 710(a)(iv), shall, if they are capable of applying but do not expressly apply to notifications, communications, correspondence or other documents relating to international applications that are filed, processed or communicated in electronic form, apply *mutatis mutandis* to such notifications, communications, correspondence or other documents relating to international applications.

## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2019, are CHF 427 when filing online, and CHF 640 when filing on paper.

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

### IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the filing fee component of the national fee, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office since 1 January 2019. This amount, payable in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, is ILS 2,038.

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

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<sup>5</sup> *Editor's Note:* Provisions of Part 7 and Annex F relating to the form or contents of the international application would automatically, by virtue of Article 27(1), be applicable to designated Offices. Communications between applicants and designated Offices would not, however, be governed in general by Annex F.

<sup>6</sup> *Editor's Note:* In relation to Sections 703(a) and 710, an Office acting in more than one capacity (receiving Office, International Searching Authority and/or International Preliminary Examining Authority) would give separate notices to the International Bureau, in each capacity, as to its readiness to receive and process international applications in electronic form.

The Office also notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 March 2019, as follows:

|   |     |       |
|---|-----|-------|
| Search fee (PCT Rule 16):   | ILS | 3,567 |
| Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):                                  | ILS | 3,567 |
| Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c)):                     | ILS | 458   |
| Fee for copies of documents<br>(PCT Rules 44.3(b) and 94.1 <i>ter</i> ) | ILS | 44    |

Furthermore, in accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 March 2019, are CHF 948, EUR 842 and USD 963, respectively.

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

In addition, the Office notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and also applicable from 1 March 2019, as follows:

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| Preliminary examination fee<br>(PCT Rule 58.1(b)):            | ILS | 1,529 |
| Additional preliminary examination fee<br>(PCT Rule 68.3(a)): | ILS | 1,529 |
| Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .2):              | ILS | 458   |
| Fee for copies of documents<br>(PCT Rules 71.2(b) and 94.2)   | ILS | 44    |

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### US United States of America

Due to the official closing of Federal Government offices in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on the following days:

- Wednesday, 5 December 2018; and
- Monday, 14 January 2019.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned days, that period was extended so as to expire on Thursday, 6 December 2018 and Tuesday, 15 January 2019, respectively.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closures, see PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

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### SE Sweden

On 28 January 2019, the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** notified the International Bureau of a change in its telephone number, which is now as follows:

Telephone: (46-8) 782 28 00

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

## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts, in **new lei (RON)**, of the transmittal fee and the fee for priority document, applicable since 1 January 2019, and payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): RON 466

Fee for priority document: RON 93 plus copying costs

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## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2019, is EUR 75.

[Updating of Annex C(AT) 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 April 2019, are EUR 560 for searches carried out in Japanese and EUR 1,249 for searches carried out in English.

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

## DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

### EP European Patent Organisation

On 4 January 2019, the **European Patent Office (EPO)** notified the International Bureau of a clarification concerning the required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase. Specifically, if the translation of the claims amended under PCT Article 19(1) is not furnished in due time, only those claims will be disregarded (PCT Rule 49.5(c-bis)) and the international application will not be considered withdrawn.

The Office also clarified that the designation, extension and validation fees are payable within 31 months from the priority date, or six months after the date of publication of the international search report, whichever expires later.

In addition, the Office clarified the conditions of the examination-fee component of its national fee—a request for examination must be made, and the examination fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) and EPC Rule 159(1), or within six months after the date of publication of the international search report, whichever expires later.

Furthermore, the Office clarified one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51**bis**—applicants must furnish any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form, if it is not otherwise available to the EPO.

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

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### ZA South Africa

The **Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)** has notified the International Bureau of the deletion of one of its telephone numbers. Its telephone numbers are now as follows:

Telephone: (27-12) 394 50 01  
(27-12) 394 50 84

[Updating of Annex B1(ZA) 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 **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 April 2019, is JPY 221,700.

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

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

### **KE Kenya**

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, which contain, 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 28 November 2018, the **Kenya Industrial Property Institute**, 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 from 1 April 2019, as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by telephone at: (254-2) 600 22 10, 600 22 11
- by e-mail at: info@kipi.go.ke, pct@kipi.go.ke

**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.kipi.go.ke](http://www.kipi.go.ke)).

**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](http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm))
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office ([www.epoline.org/security/EPO\\_PKI\\_CPS.pdf](http://www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf))

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

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

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## **MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FIFTIETH (29<sup>TH</sup> EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION)**

### **NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU**

At its fiftieth (29<sup>th</sup> extraordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 24 September to 2 October 2018 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:

- amendments to the PCT Regulations;
- introduction of an application form for appointment of an Office or intergovernmental organization as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT; and
- amendments to the agreement concerning the functioning of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

Documents prepared for the Assembly, which give detailed background information relating to the decisions taken, as well as the report of the session, are available on the WIPO website at:

[http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting\\_id=47815](http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=47815)

The aforementioned changes are outlined below.

#### *Amendments to the PCT Regulations*

Amendments to the PCT Regulations were approved by the PCT Assembly. The said amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2019:

- Amendments to PCT Rule 69 are intended to increase the time available for dialogue between the applicant and the examiner during international preliminary examination. The amendments allow the International Preliminary Examining Authority to begin the international preliminary examination as soon as it is in possession of all required documents and fees, without needing to wait until the time limit for filing a demand for international preliminary examination has expired.
- The amendments shall apply to any international application in respect of which a demand for international preliminary examination is made on or after 1 July 2019.

*Introduction of an Application Form for Appointment as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT*

The PCT Assembly adopted the proposed decision relating to the introduction of an application form for appointing an Office or intergovernmental organization as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT.

*Amendments to the agreement concerning the functioning of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority*

The PCT Assembly approved the following proposed amendments to the aforementioned agreement:

- the party to the agreement with the International Bureau has been changed from the Canadian Commissioner of Patents to the Government of Canada;
- the Preamble explicitly defines “the Parties”, and includes the date of signature of the PCT; and
- amendments were approved to Article 9 and Articles 11(1) and (2) relating to the process for entry into force of the agreement and subsequent amendments to the agreement other than those listed in Article 11(3).

These amendments entered into force on 28 December 2018. The full text of the new agreement was published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 10 January 2019, pages 5 to 13.

**AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT**  
*(to enter into force on 1 July 2019)*

**Rule 69**  
**Start of and Time Limit for**  
**International Preliminary Examination**

**69.1** *Start of International Preliminary Examination*

(a) Subject to paragraphs (b) to (e), the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall start the international preliminary examination when it is in possession of all of the following:

- (i) the demand;
- (ii) the amount due (in full) for the handling fee and the preliminary examination fee, including, where applicable, the late payment fee under Rule 58*bis*.2; and
- (iii) either the international search report or the declaration by the International Searching Authority under Article 17(2)(a) that no international search report will be established, and the written opinion established under Rule 43*bis*.1;

unless the applicant expressly requests to postpone the start of the international preliminary examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit under Rule 54*bis*.1(a).

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

69.2 [*No change*]

## INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

### US United States of America

Due to weather conditions in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Wednesday, 20 February 2019.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period was extended so as to expire on Thursday, 21 February 2019.

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### BR Brazil

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### IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its location and mailing address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address: Engjateigi 3  
IS-105, Reykjavik  
Iceland

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

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

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly.

Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place, is able to participate in DAS, either as an office of first filing (“depositing Office”) or as an office of second filing (“accessing Office”), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17) in a wide variety of media and formats.

Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions for the Digital Access for Priority Documents or Section 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT are published by the International Bureau at: [www.wipo.int/das/en/participating\\_offices.html](http://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html).

### GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Office of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office and an accessing Office, with effect from 1 April 2019.

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

### IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office and an accessing Office, with effect from 1 May 2019.

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### CN China

The **National Intellectual Property Administration, PRC (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the English name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Name of Office: China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)

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

### KZ Kazakhstan

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

Location and mailing address: Korgalzhin Highway, Building 3 B  
Astana, 010000  
Kazakhstan

Telephone: (7-7172) 62 15 15  
(7-7172) 62 15 16

The Office also notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – since November 2016, the Office has ceased to accept the filing of documents by facsimile machine.

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

## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Colombian pesos (COP)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2019, are COP 400,000 when filing electronically and COP 480,000 when filing on paper.

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

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES  
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

**EP European Patent Organisation**

**Agreement between the European Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization<sup>1</sup> – Amendment to Annex D**

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Part II of Annex D thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 April 2019, consists of a change in the reference contained in the footnote of Part II of Annex D, paragraph 3, as follows: OJ EPO 2019, A5.

The effect of this amendment is to change the conditions relating to the refund of the search fee, where the EPO (acting as International Searching Authority) benefits from the results of an earlier search prepared by it on an application the priority of which is claimed in the international application. In particular, a full or partial refund of the international search fee paid for a pending international application is now applicable where the international search report is based on an earlier search made on behalf of the United Kingdom on a national application filed as of 1 July 2018.

**ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT:  
MODIFICATIONS TO APPENDIX I OF ANNEX F (STANDARD FOR THE  
ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS)**

**NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU**

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities, pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b) and in accordance with the procedures set out in section 2.5 of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, modifications to section 3.6 of Appendix I of Annex F are promulgated with effect from 1 April 2019.

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<sup>1</sup> Available on the WIPO website at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag\\_ep.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf).

These modifications involve changes to the Document Type Definitions (DTDs) for the PCT fee calculation sheet, the PCT fee calculation sheet (Chapter II), and the PCT Demand. The purpose of these modifications is:

- to enable automated reimbursement procedures at a Receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority using reimbursement information provided at the time of filing an international application;
- to allow an applicant/agent the option to indicate a (different) deposit account for reimbursements, independent from the payment method indicated; and
- to indicate the expiry of the postponement of the start of the international preliminary examination.

Due to its highly technical content, the consolidated, revised text of Appendix I to Annex F of the Administrative Instructions is not reproduced here, but has been published as document PCT/AI/DTD/13 on the WIPO website at:

[https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai\\_dtd\\_13.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_dtd_13.pdf).

## INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

### RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its telephone numbers and email addresses, which are now as follows:

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| Telephone: | (7-499) 240 60 15 (general)<br>(7-299) 240 58 88 , (7-499) 240 25 91<br>(application processing) |
| E-mail:    | rospatent@rupto.ru (general)<br>ro-ru@rupto.ru (RO)<br>pct-peo@rupto.ru (ISA, SISA, IPEA)        |

Furthermore, the Office notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 April 2019, it will no longer send notifications by e-mail in respect of international applications.

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

## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the conditions for refund of the search fee, where the international search report drawn up by the Office is based on an earlier search report prepared by the Office on an application the priority of which is claimed in the international application (see OJ EPO 2019, A5 for details). With effect from 1 April 2019, earlier searches give rise to a refund as follows:

- for a European search (EPC Article 92), an international search (PCT Article 15(1)), a supplementary international search (PCT Rule 45*bis*) or a search made on behalf of a national Office on a national application (BE,<sup>2</sup> CY, FR, GB,<sup>3</sup> GR, IT, LT, LU, LV, MC, MT, NL,<sup>2</sup> SM, TR):
  - full benefit: refund of 100%
  - partial benefit: refund of 25%
- for an international-type search (PCT Article 15(5)):
  - full benefit: refund of 70%
  - partial benefit: refund of 17.5%

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

### ZA South Africa

The **Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the transmittal fee and the fee for priority document, in **South African rand (ZAR)**, applicable from 1 April 2019 and payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

|                                   |     |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Transmittal fee<br>(PCT Rule 14): | ZAR | 525 |
| Fee for priority document:        | ZAR | 210 |

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

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<sup>2</sup> Includes international-type searches covered by an agreement between the Authority and that Office.

<sup>3</sup> Applies to search requests in respect of national applications filed as of 1 July 2018 for the United Kingdom.

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the national fee, in **South African rand (ZAR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2019, are ZAR 590 in the case of filing by an individual or SMME, and ZAR 1,100 in the case of filing by a corporation.

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

## RECEIVING OFFICES

### GR Greece

The **Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)** has notified the International Bureau that, since 1 January 2019, the Office accepts Greek (in addition to English, French and German) as a language in which international applications may be filed (PCT Rule 12.1(a)).

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

## DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

### RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of national fees. Since 6 October 2017, the examination fee is reduced by 10% where the international search report has been established by any International Searching Authority other than Rospatent.

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



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### KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (82-42) 481 87 70 (RO)  
(82-42) 481 57 41 (ISA, IPEA)

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

### MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its email address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: epct@impi.gob.mx

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### US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its Internet address, which is now as follows:

Internet: <https://www.uspto.gov/patents-getting-started/international-protection/patent-cooperation-treaty>

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

## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### EC Ecuador

On 27 March 2019, the **Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property** notified the International Bureau of an amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **US dollars (USD)**. This amount, payable to the Office as receiving Office, is USD 300.

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

### IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2019, are CHF 144 and EUR 129, or CHF 36 and EUR 32 in the case of filing by an individual.

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### EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2019, is NZD 2,921.

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

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### AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization

The **African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its telephone numbers, as well as a new email address and a website for online services, as follows:

Telephone: (263-242) 79 40 54, 79 40 65, 79 40 68

E-mail: mail@aripo.org  
registry@aripo.org  
(for filing of documents only)

Online service: <http://eservice.aripo.org>

[Updating of Annex B2(AP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

### KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the provisions of the law of Kazakhstan concerning the international-type search. For further details, see Article 22(7) of the Patent Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

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



## DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

### KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, as follows:

- Since 1 January 2016, the filing fee, fee for request for examination, annual fees from the first to the third year and fee for request for scope confirmation trial are reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person and is also the inventor. However, if the number of applications per year by the applicant exceeds 20, the application fee will be reduced by only 30%;
- Since 1 October 2018, the fee for request for examination is reduced by 30% where the international search report or international preliminary examination report has been established by the Korean Intellectual Property Office; or by 70% where both the international search report and international preliminary examination report have been established by the Korean Intellectual Property Office.

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

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## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2019, is EUR 204.

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

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### **PH Philippines**

At its forty-ninth (21<sup>st</sup> ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 2 to 11 October 2017, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) appointed the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOP HL)** as an International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) under the PCT.

On 10 April 2019, the Office notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, with effect from 20 May 2019.

## **INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**

### **KZ Kazakhstan**

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its location and mailing address, and its telephone numbers, as follows:

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Location and mailing address: | Korgalzhyn Highway, Building 3 B<br>Nur-Sultan, 010000<br>Kazakhstan |
| Telephone:                    | (7-7172) 62 15 15<br>(7-7172) 62 15 16<br>(7-7172) 62 15 91          |

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

## **FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**

### **CU Cuba**

The **Cuban Industrial Property Office** has notified the International Bureau that the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) is payable in **Cuban convertible pesos (CUC)** or the equivalent in **Cuban pesos (CUP)**.

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

## DO Dominican Republic

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **US dollars (USD)** and **Dominican pesos (DOP)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 2 May 2019, as follows:

|  |     |        |   |
|--|-----|--------|---|
| Transmittal fee:<br>(PCT Rule 14)  | USD | 316    |   |
| Fee for priority document:<br>(PCT Rule 17.1(b))                                     | DOP | 1,725  | for the first 10 pages<br>plus<br>DOP 12 for each additional page |
| Fee for requesting restoration<br>of the right of priority:<br>(PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)) | DOP | 17,250 |   |

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

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of the national filing fees, in **Dominican pesos (DOP)**. These amounts, also applicable since 2 May 2019, are DOP 11,500 for a patent and DOP 8,050 for a utility model.

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

## RECEIVING OFFICES

### PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOP HL)** has specified itself, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with IPOP HL by nationals and residents of the Philippines, with effect from 20 May 2019.

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

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES  
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

**KR Republic of Korea**

**Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization<sup>1</sup> – Amendment to Annex A**

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A(i) thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 July 2019, consists of the addition of Brunei Darussalam to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. The amended Annex A will read as follows:

**“Annex A  
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

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

So far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

Republic of Korea, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United States of America and Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

Republic of Korea, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United States of America and Viet Nam.

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

- (ii) [no change]”

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<sup>1</sup> Available on the WIPO website at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag\\_kr.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf).



## PH Philippines

### **Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization<sup>2</sup>**

Following the notification by the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) on 20 May 2019 (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 9 May 2019, page 61), the Agreement between the Office and the International Bureau concerning these functions will enter into force on 20 May 2019.

This Agreement, in addition to information on the requirements of the Office as ISA and IPEA published in Annexes D(PH) and E(PH), is set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2019, is CHF 238.

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

### IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2019, is CHF 1,007.

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

### JO Jordan

The **Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)** has notified the International Bureau that the transmittal fee payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office, in **Jordanian dinars (JOD)** only, is JOD 100.

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<sup>2</sup> Available on the WIPO website at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag\\_ph.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ph.pdf).

The Office has also notified the International Bureau of changes in the fees for requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)) payable to it as receiving Office in **Jordanian dinars (JOD)**. These amounts, applicable since 17 February 2019, are JOD 25 in the case of filing by an individual or JOD 50 in the case of filing by a company or organization.

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

## **PH Philippines**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 20 May 2019, are CHF 1,004 and EUR 884, or CHF 402 and EUR 354 where the applicant is a small entity.<sup>3</sup>

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

## **RECEIVING OFFICES**

### **AG Antigua and Barbuda**

#### **IB International Bureau**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), the **Antigua and Barbuda Intellectual Property and Commerce Office (ABIPCO)** has notified the International Bureau that, since 2 May 2019, it has ceased acting as a receiving Office and has delegated these functions to the International Bureau.

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

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<sup>3</sup> A small entity refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than One Hundred Million Pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

## **BN Brunei Darussalam**

The **Intellectual Property Office of Brunei Darussalam (BrulPO)** has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office, and the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as competent International Searching (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) for international applications filed with BrulPO by nationals and residents of Brunei Darussalam, with effect from 1 July 2019.

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

## **TRANSMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO EARLIER SEARCH OR CLASSIFICATION: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF COMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS**

### **CH Switzerland**

Further to its notification, under PCT Rule 23*bis*.2(e), of the incompatibility of the national law of Switzerland with PCT Rule 23*bis*.2(a) (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 October 2016, page 210) the **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified the International Bureau that, since 1 January 2019, the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as receiving Office under the PCT is now compatible with PCT Rule 23*bis*.2(a).

## **AGREEMENT**

between the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines  
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

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

### **Preamble**

The Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines 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 Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines 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 Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines;
  - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

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

## **Article 2 Basic Obligations**

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

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

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

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

## **Article 3 Competence of Authority**

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

**Article 4**  
**Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined**

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

**Article 5**  
**Fees and Charges**

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

**Article 6**  
**Classification**

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

**Article 7**  
**Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority**

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

## **Article 8 International-Type Search**

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

## **Article 9 Entry into Force**

This Agreement shall enter into force on a date to be notified to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization by the Authority, that date being at least one month later than the date on which the notification is made.

## **Article 10 Duration and Renewability**

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

## **Article 11 Amendment**

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

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

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and
- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

## **Article 12 Termination**

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:

- (i) if the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines 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 Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines 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 *[city]* this *[date]*, in two originals in the English language.

For the Intellectual Property Office of the  
Philippines by:

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

## **Annex A States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

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

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

any Contracting State;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

any Contracting State.

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

- (ii) the following language[s] which it will accept:  
English.



**Annex B**  
**Supplementary International Search:**  
**Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions**

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

**Annex C**  
**Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination**

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of national patent law of the Philippines.

**Annex D**  
**Fees and Charges**

**Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges**

| <b>Kind of fee or charge</b>  | <b>Amount<br/>(USD)</b>  |
|---|--------------------------|
| Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))   | 1,000 (400) <sup>1</sup> |
| Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))   | 1,000 (400) <sup>1</sup> |
| Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))  | 500 (200) <sup>1</sup>   |
| Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))   | 500 (200) <sup>1</sup>   |
| Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))   | 500 (200) <sup>1</sup>   |
| Late furnishing fee for sequence listings<br>(Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2) | 250 (100) <sup>1</sup>   |
| Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2)                             | 20 (8) <sup>1</sup>      |

**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 Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application, 50% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded on request of the applicant, depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search.

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<sup>1</sup> The fee is reduced by 60% where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than One Hundred Million Pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

(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.

### **Annex E Classification**

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification system(s) in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

### **Annex F Languages of Correspondence**

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following language(s):  
English.

### **Annex G International-Type Search**

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

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**D International Searching Authorities D**  
**PH INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE PH**  
**OF THE PHILIPPINES<sup>1</sup>**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Search fee (PCT Rule 16): <sup>2</sup>  | US dollar (USD) 1,000 (400) <sup>3</sup><br>Euro (EUR) 884 (354) <sup>3</sup><br>Swiss franc (CHF) 1,004 (402) <sup>3</sup>   |
| Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): <sup>4</sup>   | USD 1,000 (400) <sup>3</sup>  |
| Copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):   | The Authority provides applicants with a copy of cited documents in electronic form, free of charge, when transmitting the international search report by e-mail. No copies are provided when the international search report is sent by mail.  |
| How to obtain copies:   | Copies are available upon request by e-mail at pct@ipophil.gov.ph, free of charge, for designated (elected) Offices. Applicants will be charged the fee mentioned below.  |
| Fee(s):   | USD 20 (8) <sup>3</sup> per document  |
| Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1 <i>ter</i> ):                             | USD 20 (8) <sup>3</sup> per document  |
| Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:   | Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.<br>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%<br>Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search already made by the Authority: refund of 50%, depending on the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search |
| Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):   | USD 500 (200) <sup>3</sup>  |
| Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1c):   | USD 250 (100) <sup>3</sup>  |
| Language accepted for international search:   | English   |
| Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1)? | Yes   |
| Types of electronic carrier required:   | CD-R, DVD-R   |
| Subject matter that will not be searched:   | The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1, with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of national patent law of the Philippines  |

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<sup>1</sup> The Office will start operating as an International Searching Authority with effect from 20 May 2019.

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

<sup>3</sup> The amount in parentheses applies where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

<sup>4</sup> This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

**D** **International Searching Authorities** **D**  
**PH** **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE** **PH**  
**OF THE PHILIPPINES<sup>5</sup>**

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?  
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Yes<sup>6</sup>

Where the Office receives a notice or communication from a sub-agent appointed by the agent; or from a new agent appointed by the common representative; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or common representative who is appointed by the applicant in replacement of the agent or common representative previously appointed by the applicant; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or a common representative submitting the names of additional applicants not named in the request form.

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?  
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Yes<sup>6</sup>

Where the Office receives a notice or communication from a sub-agent appointed by the agent; or from a new agent appointed by the common representative; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or common representative who is appointed by the applicant in replacement of the agent or common representative previously appointed by the applicant; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or a common representative submitting the names of additional applicants not named in the request form.

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<sup>5</sup> See footnote 1.

<sup>6</sup> Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

**E** **E**  
**International Preliminary**  
**Examining Authorities**  
**PH** **PH**  
**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE**  
**OF THE PHILIPPINES<sup>1</sup>**

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|---|---|
| Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): <sup>2</sup>   | US dollar (USD) 500 (200) <sup>3</sup>  |
| Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): <sup>4</sup>                                | USD 500 (200) <sup>3</sup>  |
| Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): <sup>5</sup>  | USD 203   |
| Copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):      | The Authority provides applicants with a copy of cited documents in electronic form, free of charge, when transmitting the international preliminary examination report by e-mail. No copies are provided when the international preliminary examination report is sent by mail.    |
| How to obtain copies:   | Copies are available upon request by e-mail at pct@ipophil.gov.ph, free of charge, for elected Offices. Applicants will be charged the fee mentioned below.   |
| Fee(s):   | USD 20 (8) <sup>3</sup> per document  |
| Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2): | USD 20 (8) <sup>3</sup> per document  |
| Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:                      | Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.<br>In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100%<br>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)): <sup>4</sup>  | USD 500 (200) <sup>3</sup>  |
| Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 <sup>ter</sup> .2):  | USD 250 (100) <sup>3</sup>  |
| Language accepted for international preliminary examination:  | English   |
| Subject matter that will not be examined:   | The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1, with the exception of any subject matter examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of national patent law of the Philippines  |

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<sup>1</sup> The Office will start operating as an International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 20 May 2019.

<sup>2</sup> This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

<sup>3</sup> The amount in parentheses applies where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

<sup>4</sup> This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

<sup>5</sup> 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)).

**E** **International Preliminary** **E**  
**Examining Authorities**  
**PH** **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE** **PH**  
**OF THE PHILIPPINES**<sup>6</sup>

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?  
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Yes<sup>7</sup>

Where the Office receives a notice or communication from a sub-agent appointed by the agent; or from a new agent appointed by the common representative; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or common representative who is appointed by the applicant in replacement of the agent or common representative previously appointed by the applicant; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or a common representative submitting the names of additional applicants not named in the request form.

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?  
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Yes<sup>7</sup>

Where the Office receives a notice or communication from a sub-agent appointed by the agent; or from a new agent appointed by the common representative; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or common representative who is appointed by the applicant in replacement of the agent or common representative previously appointed by the applicant; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or a common representative submitting the names of additional applicants not named in the request form.

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<sup>6</sup> See footnote 1.

<sup>7</sup> 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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### IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its telephone numbers, with effect from 1 June 2019, as follows:

Telephone: (972-73) 3927 313

(972-73) 3927 320

The Office also notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – as from 1 June 2019, the Office will no longer accept the filing of documents by facsimile machine. In addition, from this date, all documents, except the international application, may be transmitted to the Office by e-mail. The original of the document must be furnished only upon invitation.

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

## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Belarusian rubles (BYN)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 January 2019, as follows:

|                                   |     |       |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| Transmittal fee:<br>(PCT Rule 14) | BYN | 89.25 |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|

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|---|-----|-------|
| Fee for requesting restoration<br>of the right of priority:<br>(PCT Rule 26 <i>bis</i> .3(d)) | BYN | 76.50 |
|---|-----|-------|

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



Furthermore, the Office notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the components of the national fee,<sup>1,2</sup> in **Belarusian rubles (BYN)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2019, as follows:

For patent:

|  |     |        |
|--|-----|--------|
| Filing fee: <sup>3</sup>   | BYN | 127.50 |
| Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of 1:             | BYN | 51     |
| Examination fee:   | BYN | 612    |
| Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of 1: | BYN | 357    |
| Claim examination fee for each dependent claim in excess of 10:  | BYN | 51     |
| Annual fee for the third year:                                   | BYN | 127.50 |

For utility model:

|   |     |     |
|---|-----|-----|
| Filing fee <sup>3</sup> :                           | BYN | 255 |
| Claim fee for each dependent claim in excess of 10: | BYN | 51  |

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

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<sup>1</sup> For residents of Belarus, the payment of fees shall be effected in Belarusian rubles. Fees are reduced by 75% for filings by natural persons, and waived in respect of certain other persons (please refer to the Office for details).

<sup>2</sup> For non-residents of Belarus the payment of fees shall be effected in US dollars, euros, Swiss francs or Russian rubles in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus (see <https://www.nbrb.by/statistics/rates/ratesDaily.asp>) and applicable on the date of payment.

<sup>3</sup> 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 entry into the national phase.

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## INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

### LA Lao People's Democratic Republic

The **Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Science and Technology (Lao People's Democratic Republic)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its location and mailing address, which are now as follows:

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Location and Mailing Address: | Nahaidyo Road<br>Chanthaboury District<br>P.O. Box 2279<br>Vientiane<br>Lao People's Democratic Republic |
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[Updating of Annex B1(LA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

### SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the provisions of the law of Slovakia concerning the international-type search (PCT Article 15(5)), applicable since 1 January 2018. For more information, see Article 41(a) of Patent Law No. 435/2001 Coll. and Article 23 of Decree No. 223/2002 Coll.; Article 38(a) of Utility Model Law No. 517/2007 Coll.; and Article 20(b) of Decree No. 1/2008 Coll.

In addition, the Office further specified its requirements concerning provisional protection after international publication, as follows:

- Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent: Under Articles 13(2), 15(1) and 15(2) of the Patent Law, the applicant is entitled to appropriate remuneration starting from the day of publication of the application in the *Official Gazette of the Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic*, provided that a patent has been granted for an invention which is the subject of the application. However, claiming of these rights vis-à-vis third parties shall be possible only as from the date of effect of the patent.
- Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent: The provisional protection shall be effective in Slovakia as from the day on which: (1) the international application has been published in one of the EPO official languages; and (2) the translation of the claims into the Slovak language has been made available to the public.

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

## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2019, are USD 423 when filing online, and USD 634 when filing on paper.

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

### JP Japan

New equivalent amounts of fees in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established under PCT Rule 15.2(d) for the **Japan Patent Office** in its capacity as receiving Office, as well as for a reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2019, are as follows:

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| International filing fee:  | JPY 145,000 |
| 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 32,700  |

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **Korean won (KRW)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 August 2019, are CHF 642<sup>1</sup> and KRW 759,000,<sup>1</sup> respectively, for an application in Japanese, and CHF 1,431 for an application 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, also applicable from 1 August 2019, is JPY 21,800.

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

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<sup>1</sup> This fee is reduced by two thirds where the application is filed in Japanese by a small-sized sole proprietorship, a sole proprietorship that has commenced business less than ten years ago, a small-sized enterprise, or a small or medium-sized enterprise that has been established less than ten years.

## KE Kenya

The **Kenya Industrial Property Institute** has notified new amounts and currencies of several fees, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. The consolidated list of these fees is now as follows:

|   |                      |    |         |
|---|----------------------|----|---------|
| Transmittal fee <sup>2</sup><br>(PCT Rule 14):                | KES 5,000            | or | USD 250 |
|   | plus cost of mailing |    |         |
| Fee for priority document <sup>2</sup><br>(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): | KES 2,000            | or | USD 100 |

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

## KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2019, are NZD 577 for searches carried out in Korean and NZD 1,667 for searches carried out in English.

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

## DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

### SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic** has clarified its requirements concerning the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Slovakia is designated (or elected).

The name and address of the inventor may be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

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

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<sup>2</sup> This fee is payable in USD if the person paying the fee or on whose behalf the fee is being paid does not reside in Kenya and does not have a principal place of business in Kenya.

**RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULES 26BIS.3  
AND 49TER.2**

**KE Kenya**

In accordance with PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(i), the **Kenya Industrial Property Institute** has notified the International Bureau that it applies the “unintentional” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

Furthermore, the Office notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3 and 49*ter*.2, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively. The amount of each of these fees, payable in **Kenyan shillings (KES)** or **US dollars (USD)**,<sup>3</sup> is KES 1,000 or USD 50.

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

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<sup>3</sup> This fee is payable in USD if the person paying the fee or on whose behalf the fee is being paid does not reside in Kenya and does not have a principal place of business in Kenya.

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## INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

### JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office (JPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its mailing address, which is now as follows:

Mailing address: 3-4-3 Kasumigaseki  
Chiyoda-ku  
Tokyo, 100-8915  
Japan

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

## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### KE Kenya

The **Kenya Industrial Property Institute** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts and currencies of several components of the national fee, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of the said components is now as follows:

National fee<sup>1</sup>:

For patent:

- National processing fee: KES 3,000 or USD 150
- Annual fee for the second year:<sup>2</sup> KES 2,000 or USD 300

For utility model:

- National processing fee: KES 1,000 or USD 50

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

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<sup>1</sup> This fee is payable in USD if the person paying the fee or on whose behalf the fee is being paid does not reside in Kenya and does not have a principal place of business in Kenya.

<sup>2</sup> Late payment of annual fees is permitted in certain circumstances subject to the payment of a surcharge.



**KR Republic of Korea**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2019, are SGD 520 for searches carried out in Korean and SGD 1,510 for searches carried out in English.

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

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## **MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT**

### **NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU**

Following consultation with Offices, Authorities, and certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to Section 507 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT have been promulgated with effect from 1 July 2019.

The main purpose of these modifications is to:

- (i) provide for the introduction of document category “D” in line with WIPO Standard ST.14; and
- (ii) provide further guidance on the manner of indicating document categories in the international search report.

The full text of the Administrative Instructions as in force from 1 July 2019 (PCT/AI/20) is available on the WIPO website at:  
[https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai\\_20.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_20.pdf).

### **TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS** *(as in force from 1 July 2019)*

#### **Section 507** **Manner of Indicating Certain Special Categories** **of Documents Cited in the International Search Report**

(a) Where any document cited in the international search report refers to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition, or other means referred to in Rule 33.1(b), the separate indication required by that Rule shall consist of the letter “O” placed next to the citation of the document. Category “O” shall be accompanied by one of the categories “X”, “Y” or “A”.

(b) Where any document cited in the international search report is a published application or patent as defined in Rule 33.1(c), the special mention required by that Rule shall consist of the letter “E” placed next to the citation of the document.

(c) Where any document cited in the international search report is not considered to be of particular relevance requiring the use of categories “X” and/or “Y” as provided in Section 505 but defines the general state of the art, it shall be indicated by the letter “A” placed next to the citation of the document.

(d) Where any document cited in the international search report is a document whose publication date occurred earlier than the international filing date of the international application, but later than the priority date claimed in that application, it shall be indicated by the letter “P” next to the citation of the document. Category “P” shall be accompanied by one of the categories “X”, “Y” or “A”.

(e) Where any document cited in the international search report is a document whose publication date occurred after the filing date or the priority date of the international application and is not in conflict with the said application, but is cited for the principle or theory underlying the invention, which may be useful for a better understanding of the invention, or is cited to show that the reasoning or the facts underlying the invention are incorrect, it shall be indicated by the letter “T” next to the citation of the document.

(e-*bis*) Where any document cited in the international search report is a document cited by the applicant in the international application, it shall be indicated by the letter “D” next to the citation of the document. Category “D” shall be accompanied by one of the categories indicating the relevance of the cited document.

(f) Where in the international search report any document is cited for reasons other than those referred to in paragraphs (a) to (e-*bis*), for example:

- a document which may throw doubt on a priority claim,
- a document cited to establish the publication date of another citation,

such document shall be indicated by the letter “L” next to the citation of the document and the reason for citing the document shall be given.

(g) Where a document is a member of a patent family, it shall, whenever feasible, be mentioned in the international search report in addition to the one cited belonging as well to this family and should be preceded by the sign ampersand (&). Members of a patent family may also be mentioned on a separate sheet, provided that the family to which they belong shall be clearly identified and that any text matter on that sheet, if not in the English language, shall also be furnished to the International Bureau in English translation.

(h) A document whose contents have not been verified by the search examiner but are believed to be substantially identical with those of another document which the search examiner has inspected, may be cited in the international search report in the manner indicated for patent family members in the first sentence of paragraph (g).

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## INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

### CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail: dirnuecreaciones@sic.gov.co  
(general enquiries)

ePCT@sic.gov.co  
(enquiries concerning ePCT)

Furthermore, the Office notified a change concerning 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) – in addition to DHL and DEPRISA, it now also accepts such evidence where the 4-72 delivery service is used.

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

### SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its location and mailing address, as from 29 July 2019, as follows:

Location and mailing address: 1 Paya Lebar Link #11-03  
PLQ 1, Paya Lebar Quarter  
Singapore 408533

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

Due to the relocation, the Office will not be open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on the following days:

- Friday, 26 July 2019;
- Monday, 29 July 2019; and
- Tuesday, 30 July 2019.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application is required to reach the Office falls on the aforementioned days, that period is extended so as to expire on Wednesday, 31 July 2019.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closures, see PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### BY Belarus

The **National Center on Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for the priority document in **Belarusian rubles (BYN)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

|   |      |     |       |   |
|---|------|-----|-------|---|
| Fee for priority document:<br>(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): |      | BYN | 36.50 | per each copy of<br>priority document<br>up to 35 pages   |
|   | plus | BYN | 18.50 | per each additional copy<br>of priority document<br>provided<br>that the copies are<br>prepared<br>simultaneously |
|   | plus | BYN | 0.60  | per each page in<br>excess of 35  |

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

### KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2019, are USD 381 for searches carried out in Korean and USD 1,101 for searches carried out in English.

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

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES  
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

**US United States of America**

**Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization<sup>1</sup> – Amendment to Annex A**

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A(i) thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 August 2019, consists of the addition of **Saint Kitts and Nevis** to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. The amended Annex A will read as follows:

**“Annex A  
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

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

So far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

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

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

United States of America, and

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Georgia, Guatemala, India, Israel, Jordan, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago.

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

- (ii) [no change]”

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<sup>1</sup> Available on the WIPO website at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag\\_us.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf).

## INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

### BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau that, since 18 December 2017, the national legislation of Belarus restricts the filing of international applications with the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO by natural or legal persons having a residence or principal place of business in Belarus.

The national legislation indicates that: “Natural persons with the permanent domicile (residence) in the territory of the Republic of Belarus and legal persons of the Republic of Belarus have the right to patent inventions, utility models, and industrial designs in foreign countries.

Before filing of the application in foreign countries, the applicant is obliged to file such application in the Republic of Belarus and inform the patent authority about the intention to patent the invention, utility model, industrial design in foreign countries.”<sup>2</sup>

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

### KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified the International Bureau that the restrictions imposed by the national legislation of Kazakhstan concerning the filing of international applications with the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) and the International Bureau of WIPO no longer apply.

The national legislation, as amended on 20 June 2018, now indicates: “International registration of industrial property objects is carried out by filing an application with the expert authority” and “the rules for consideration of applications shall be approved by the authorized body in accordance with the international treaties ratified by the Republic of Kazakhstan.”<sup>3</sup>

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

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<sup>2</sup> Law No. 160-Z of the Republic of Belarus of 16 December 2002 “On Patents for Inventions, Utility Models and Industrial Designs”, Article 32.

<sup>3</sup> Patent Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan No. 427-I of 16 July 1999, (as amended by Law No. 161-VI of the Republic of Kazakhstan of 20 June 2018 “On introducing amendments and additions to some legislative acts of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the improvement of legislation in the field of intellectual property”), Article 37.

## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the components of the national fee,<sup>4</sup> in **Serbian dinars (RSD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office since 1 June 2019. The consolidated list of the said components is now as follows:

For a patent:

|  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| Filing fee:  | RSD 7,940             |
| Claim fee for each claim<br>in excess of 10:               | RSD 780               |
| Additional fee for late entry<br>into the national phase:  | 50% of the filing fee |
| Reduced examination fee<br>for international applications: | RSD 7,940             |
| Annual fee for the first three years:                      | RSD 11,130            |

For a petty patent:

|   |                       |
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| Filing fee:   | RSD 7,940             |
| Additional fee for late entry<br>into the national phase: | 50% of the filing fee |

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

## RECEIVING OFFICES

### KN Saint Kitts and Nevis

The **Intellectual Property Office of St. Kitts and Nevis** has specified the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) for international applications filed with the Intellectual Property Office of Saint Kitts and Nevis (in its capacity as receiving Office) by nationals and residents of Saint Kitts and Nevis, with effect from 1 August 2019.

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

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

### NO Norway

Further to its notifications<sup>5</sup> (under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(j) and 49*ter*.2(h)) of the incompatibility of the national law of Norway with PCT Rules 26*bis*.3 and 49*ter*.2, respectively (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006 of 1 June 2006, pages 15988 and 15990), the **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified the International Bureau that, since 1 July 2019, the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as receiving Office and designated Office under the PCT is now compatible with PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(a) to (i) and 49*ter*.2(a) to (g), respectively.

Furthermore, in accordance with PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g), the Office also notified the International Bureau that it applies the “unintentional” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

In addition, the Office has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d) and a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(d), in **Norwegian krone (NOK)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively. The amount of each of the fees is NOK 3,000.

[Updating of Annex C(NO) and the National Chapter, Summary (NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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

### NO Norway

Further to its notification<sup>5</sup> (under PCT Rule 49*ter*.1(g)) of the incompatibility of the national law of Norway with PCT Rule 49*ter*.1 (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006 of 1 June 2006, page 15990), the **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified the International Bureau that, since 1 July 2019, the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as designated Office under the PCT is now compatible with PCT Rule 49*ter*.1(a) to (d).

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<sup>5</sup> The current list of PCT reservations, declarations, notifications and incompatibilities is available on the WIPO website at: [https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res\\_incomp.html](https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html)

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## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2019, is USD 239.

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

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

### AT Austria

Under Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Austrian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 February 2014, pages 26 *et. seq.* In particular, from 1 August 2019, the Office will no longer accept the filing of international applications using the PCT-SAFE software (under Section 710(a)(i) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

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

### EC Ecuador

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 15 August 2019, as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by telephone at: (593-2) 394 00 00
- by e-mail at: sguarderas@senadi.gob.ec

**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.derechosintelectuales.gob.ec](http://www.derechosintelectuales.gob.ec)).

**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](http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm))



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

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

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

**IE Ireland**

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **Patents Office (Ireland)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 9 September 2019, as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by telephone at: (353-56) 772 01 11
- by fax at: (353-56) 772 01 00
- by e-mail at: [epct@patentsoffice.ie](mailto:epct@patentsoffice.ie)

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (<https://www.patentsoffice.ie>).

**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](http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm))
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office ([www.epoline.org/security/EPO\\_PKI\\_CPS.pdf](http://www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf))

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

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

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

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES  
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

**JP Japan**

**Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization<sup>1</sup> – Amendment to Annex D**

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex D thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 1 September 2019, consist of a change regarding the cost of copies in the English version of the Agreement, as well as changes to the footnotes concerning the conditions for reduction or refund of the search and preliminary examination fees. These changes will appear in the amended Annex D as follows:

**“Annex D  
Fees and Charges**

**Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges**

| <b>Kind of fee or charge</b>  | <b>Amount<br/>(Japanese yen)</b> |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))<br>(for an application in Japanese)                     | [No change] <sup>2</sup>         |
| Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))<br>(for an application in Japanese)    | [No change] <sup>2</sup>         |
| Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b),<br>94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per request | [No change]                      |

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<sup>1</sup> Available on the WIPO website at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag\\_jp.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> This fee is reduced for (i) applications filed in Japanese or (ii) applications to which translations into Japanese have been furnished, for the purposes of International Search under Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as applicants who are small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises, and academic institutions. For further details on the eligibility, see [https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/patent/pct/tesuryo/pct\\_keigen\\_shinsei.html](https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/patent/pct/tesuryo/pct_keigen_shinsei.html).

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

(2) The amount of either 28,000 Japanese yen (for an application in Japanese)<sup>3</sup> 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]"

## INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

### AG Antigua and Barbuda

General information on **Antigua and Barbuda** as a Contracting State is provided in Annex B1(AG), which is published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

### IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes, with effect since 1 July 2019, in the name of the Office as well as in its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Name of Office: | Icelandic Intellectual<br>Property Office (ISIPO) |
| (in Icelandic)  | Hugverkastofan                                    |
| E-mail:         | isipo@isipo.is                                    |
| (in Icelandic)  | hugverk@hugverk.is                                |
| Internet:       | www.isipo.is                                      |
| (in Icelandic)  | www.hugverk.is                                    |

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

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<sup>3</sup> The amount of any refund of search fees will be reduced where the fee reductions stated in footnote 1 [Editor's Note: footnote 2 of this document] are applicable.

## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the conditions for reduction of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) payable to the Office as International Searching Authority – as from 1 September 2019, this fee will be reduced for (i) applications filed in Japanese or (ii) applications for which translations into Japanese have been furnished, for the purposes of International Search under Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as applicants who are small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises, and academic institutions.<sup>4</sup>

Furthermore, the amount of any refund of the search fee will also be reduced where a reduction of the said fee is applicable.

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

In addition, the Office notified a change in the conditions for the reduction of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)) payable to the Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority, also with effect from 1 September 2019. As from this date, the preliminary examination fee will be reduced for (i) applications filed in Japanese or (ii) applications for which translations into Japanese have been furnished, for the purposes of International Search under Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as applicants who are small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises, and academic institutions.<sup>4</sup>

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

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<sup>4</sup> For further details on the eligibility, see  
[http://www.jpo.go.jp/system/patent/pct/tesuryo/pct\\_keigen\\_shinsei.html](http://www.jpo.go.jp/system/patent/pct/tesuryo/pct_keigen_shinsei.html).

**PA Panama**

The **Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI (Panama))** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 4 July 2017, as follows:

|   |     |     |
|---|-----|-----|
| Transmittal fee:<br>(PCT Rule 14)   | USD | 240 |
| Fee for priority document:<br>(PCT Rule 17.1(b))  | USD | 60  |
| Fee for requesting restoration<br>of the right of priority:<br>(PCT Rule 26 <i>bis</i> .3(d)) | USD | 480 |

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

**DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**

**AG Antigua and Barbuda**

Information on the requirements of the **Antigua and Barbuda Intellectual Property and Commerce Office (ABIPCO)** as designated (or elected) Office is provided in the Summary of the National Chapter (AG), as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).



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**Information on Contracting States**

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**ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA**

**AG**

**General information**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Name of Office:   | Antigua and Barbuda Intellectual Property and Commerce Office (ABIPCO)  |
| Location and mailing address:   | Hewlett House, St. John's Street, Saint John's, Antigua, Antigua and Barbuda  |
| Telephone:  | (1-268) 562 54 40   |
| Facsimile machine:  | (1-268) 562 54 38   |
| E-mail:   | abipco@antigua.gov.ag   |
| Internet:   | https://abipco.gov.ag   |
| Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?   | Yes, by facsimile machine   |
| 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 transmission, if the transmitted document is an international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of an international application<br>No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents |
| Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?   | No  |
| Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)? | Yes, provided that the delivery service is Federal Express, Parcel Plus or UPS  |
| Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Antigua and Barbuda:  | International Bureau of WIPO (see Annex C)  |
| Competent designated (or elected) Office if Antigua and Barbuda is designated (or elected):   | Antigua and Barbuda Intellectual Property and Commerce Office (ABIPCO)  |
| May Antigua and Barbuda be elected?   | Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)  |
| Types of protection available via the PCT:  | Patents, utility model certificates   |
| Provisions of the law of Antigua and Barbuda concerning international-type search:  | None  |

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**Information of interest if Antigua and Barbuda is designated (or elected)**

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Provisional protection after international publication:

None

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Antigua and Barbuda is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. 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?

No

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**SUMMARY**

**Designated  
(or elected) Office**

**SUMMARY**

**AG ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND COMMERCE OFFICE (ABIPCO) AG**

**Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase**

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| Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:                            | Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date<br>Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date  |
| Translation of international application required into: <sup>1</sup>                 | English  |
| Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: <sup>1</sup> | Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), <sup>2</sup> any text matter of drawings, abstract<br>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) <sup>2</sup> |
| Is a copy of the international application required?                                 | A copy is required only if the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2).  |
| National fee:  | Currency: East Caribbean dollar (XCD)<br>For patent:<br>Filing fee: XCD 800<br>For utility certificate:<br>Filing fee: XCD 400   |
| Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:                               | None   |

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

<sup>2</sup> Where the applicant furnishes a translation of the international application only as amended or only as originally filed, the Office will invite the applicant to furnish the missing translation.

**SUMMARY**

**Designated  
(or elected) Office**

**SUMMARY**

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PROPERTY AND COMMERCE OFFICE  
(ABIPCO)**

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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<sup>3,4</sup>

Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date<sup>5</sup>

Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent<sup>3,5</sup>

Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to claim priority of the earlier application<sup>3,5</sup>

Translation to be furnished in two copies<sup>5</sup>

Statement justifying the applicant’s right to the patent where the applicant is not the inventor<sup>3</sup>

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Antigua and Barbuda

Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney)

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Who can act as agent?

Any attorney at law resident in Antigua or Barbuda or any patent agent registered before the Office

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

<sup>4</sup> 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 indicated in the invitation.

<sup>5</sup> 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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## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO)** has notified the International Bureau that, since 9 July 2019, the fee for request for examination, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, is reduced by 70% where the international search report (PCT Rule 43) and/or international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 70) has been established by KIPO in its capacity as International Searching Authority (ISA) or International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), respectively.

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

### RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2019, are EUR 121 for searches carried out in Russian and EUR 567 for searches carried out in English.

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

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## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### UA Ukraine

The **Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, Department for Intellectual Property**, has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several fees, in **Ukrainian hryvnias (UAH)** or the equivalent in **euros (EUR)** or **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 19 July 2019, are as follows:

|  |           |  |
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| Transmittal fee<br>(PCT Rule 14):  | UAH 2,600 |  |
| Fee for priority document<br>(PCT Rule 17.1(b)):                                     | UAH 800   | plus UAH 10<br>for each sheet<br>in excess of 30 |
| Fee for requesting restoration<br>of the right of priority<br>(PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)): | UAH 200   |  |

Furthermore, the Office notified changes in the conditions for reduction of these fees, as follows:

The transmittal fee, fee for priority document and fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority are reduced by 90% where all applicants are also inventors, and by 80% where all applicants are also non-profit institutions and/or organizations.

When these fees are payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicants, and all applicants are also either inventors, or non-profit institutions and/or organizations, the fees are reduced by 80%.

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



In addition, the Office notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Ukrainian hryvnias (UAH)** or the equivalent in **euros (EUR)** or **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) office. These amounts, also applicable since 19 July 2019, are as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:<sup>1</sup>

- online: UAH 1,280
- on paper: UAH 1,600

Additional fee for every 50 sheets in excess of 150:

- online: UAH 640
- on paper: UAH 800

Additional fee for each claim, dependent or independent, in excess of three:

UAH 160

Examination fee:<sup>2</sup>

UAH 6,000

Additional fee for each independent claim in excess of one:

UAH 6,000

For utility model:

Filing fee:<sup>1</sup>

- online: UAH 1,920
- on paper: UAH 2,400

Additional fee for every 50 sheets in excess of 150:

- online: UAH 960
- on paper: UAH 1,200

Additional fee for each claim, dependent or independent, in excess of three:

UAH 240

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<sup>1</sup> Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). The applicant may still furnish the translation and pay the fee within two months after the expiration of the applicable time limit, provided that a written request for extension of the applicable time limit has been made and the fee for filing such request has been paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

<sup>2</sup> A written request for examination must be made, and the examination fee must be paid, within three years from the international filing date.

Furthermore, the Office notified changes in the conditions for reductions of the national fee, as follows:

- For patents: All fees are reduced by 90% where all applicants are also inventors, and by 80% where all applicants are also non-profit institutions and/or organizations. When the fees are payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicants, and all applicants are also either inventors, or non-profit institutions and/or organizations, the fees are reduced by 80%.
- For utility models: All fees are reduced by 80% where all applicants are also inventors, and by 60% where all applicants are also non-profit institutions and/or organizations. When the fees are payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicants, and all applicants are also either inventors, or non-profit institutions and/or organizations, the fees are reduced by 60%.

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

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## INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

### IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the location and mailing address of its New Delhi office, as follows:

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Location and mailing address: | Indian Patent Office Delhi<br>Intellectual Property Office Building<br>Plot No. 32, Sector-14, Dwarka,<br>New Delhi-110075<br>India |
|-------------------------------|---|

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

## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office (JPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the conditions for reduction of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), payable to it as receiving Office. Since 1 April 2019, this fee is reduced if the application is filed in Japanese by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro-enterprises and academic institutions.

For further details on eligibility, see:  
[https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet\\_e.pdf](https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf)

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

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

**GB United Kingdom**

On 21 May 2019, the **Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** notified the International Bureau, pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), of a change in the address of the **National Collection of Yeast Cultures (NCYC)**, an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The address is now as follows:

National Collection of Yeast Cultures (NCYC)  
Quadram Institute Bioscience  
Norwich Research Park  
Norwich, NR4 7UQ  
United Kingdom

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

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES  
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

**KR Republic of Korea**

**Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization<sup>1</sup> – Amendment to Annex D**

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex D thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 9 October 2019, consist of a change in the amount of the search fee, as well as changes to the conditions for reduction of the search fee. These changes will appear in the amended Annex D as follows:

**“Annex D  
Fees and Charges**

**Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges**

| <b>Kind of fee or charge</b>  | <b>Amount<br/>(Korean won)</b> |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))<br>(in English language)  | 1,200,000                      |
| Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))<br>(in Korean language)   | [No change]                    |
| Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))   | [No change]                    |
| Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))  | [No change]                    |
| Late payment fee for<br>preliminary examination   | [No change]                    |
| Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))   | [No change]                    |
| Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))   | [No change]                    |
| Late furnishing fee for sequence listings<br>(Rules 13 <sup>ter</sup> .1(c) and 13 <sup>ter</sup> .2) | [No change]                    |
| Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b),<br>94.1 <sup>ter</sup> and 94.2), per page                    | [No change]                    |

<sup>1</sup> Available on the WIPO website at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag\\_kr.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf).

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

(1) to (3) [No change]

(4) Where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant, is a national of, and has an address or place of business in, a State which is classified as a low-income, lower-middle-income or upper-middle-income economy by the World Bank, the amount of the search fee to be paid is reduced by 75%.

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

(6) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.”

## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the amount of the search fee, in **Korean won (KRW)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 9 October 2019, is as follows:

|   |     |             |
|---|-----|-------------|
| Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a))<br>(in English language): | KRW | 1,200,000   |
| Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a))<br>(in Korean language):  |     | [No change] |

Furthermore, the Office notified a change in the conditions for reduction of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) payable to it as International Searching Authority — as from 9 October 2019, this fee will be reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has an address or place of business in, a State which is classified as a low-income, lower-middle-income or upper-middle-income economy by the World Bank.

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



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### EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2019, is EUR 217.

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

### IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2019, is EUR 909.

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

### NO Norway

New equivalent amounts of fees in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** have been established under PCT Rule 15.2(d) for the **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** in its capacity as receiving Office, as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2019, are as follows:

|  |     |        |
|--|-----|--------|
| International filing fee:  | NOK | 12,160 |
| Fee per sheet in excess of 30:   | NOK | 140    |
| Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):   |     |        |
| Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):                                   | NOK | 1,830  |
| Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format): | NOK | 2,740  |

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

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

### **NI Nicaragua**

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 15 October 2019, as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by telephone at: (505) 2248 93 00

**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.mific.gob.ni](http://www.mific.gob.ni)).

**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](http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm))

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

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

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

## **RO Romania**

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 15 October 2019, as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by telephone at: (40-21) 306 08 01-29
- by fax at: (40-21) 312 38 19
- by e-mail at: office@osim.ro

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (<https://www.osim.ro>).

**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](http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm))
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office ([www.epoline.org/security/EPO\\_PKI\\_CPS.pdf](http://www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)).

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

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

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



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### **KR Republic of Korea – Corrigendum**

#### **Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization<sup>1</sup> – Amendment to Annex D**

The information concerning the date of entry into force of the amendments to Parts I and II of Annex D of the above-mentioned Agreement, as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 29 August 2019, pages 127 *et seq.*, is hereby corrected. These amendments enter into force on 10 October 2019.

## **FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**

### **AU Australia**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2019, are CHF 1,459, SGD 2,070 and USD 1,492, respectively.

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

In addition, new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)**, have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2019, are as follows:

|                                |     |       |
|--------------------------------|-----|-------|
| International filing fee:      | AUD | 2,005 |
| Fee per sheet in excess of 30: | AUD | 23    |

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<sup>1</sup> Available on the WIPO website at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag\\_kr.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf).

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

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format): AUD 302

Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format): AUD 452

Handling fee: AUD 302

[Updating of Annexes C(AU) and E(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 November 2019, is JPY 209,000.

[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 2019, are as follows:

International filing fee: GBP 1,112

Fee per sheet in excess of 30: GBP 13

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

Electronic filing (the request in character coded format): GBP 167

Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format): GBP 251

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

## JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Euros (EUR)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts applicable from 1 November 2019, are EUR 594 and USD 660 for searches carried out in Japanese, and EUR 1,325, SGD 2,043 and USD 1,472 for searches carried out in English.

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

## KR Republic of Korea

### Corrigendum

The information concerning the date of entry into force of the new amount, in **Korean won (KRW)**, of the search fee as well as the change in the conditions for reduction of that fee, payable to the **Korean Intellectual Property Office** as International Searching Authority, as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 29 August 2019, page 128, is hereby corrected. The new amount and the new condition are applicable from 10 October 2019.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out in Korean by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2019, is CHF 359.

Furthermore, new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)**, **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)**, **New Zealand dollars (NZD)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office in English. These amounts, applicable from 10 October 2019, are AUD 1,473, CHF 981, EUR 902, NZD 1,571, SGD 1,377 and USD 991, respectively.

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

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 November 2019, is KRW 250,000.

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

## SE Sweden

New equivalent amounts in **Swedish krona (SEK)**, have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). These amounts, payable to the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** and applicable from 1 November 2019, are as follows:

|  |     |        |
|--|-----|--------|
| International filing fee:  | SEK | 13,150 |
| Fee per sheet in excess of 30:   | SEK | 150    |
| Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):   |     |        |
| Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):                                   | SEK | 1,980  |
| Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format): | SEK | 2,970  |
| Handling fee:  | SEK | 1,980  |

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

## SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2019, is JPY 171,100.

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

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## INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

### CN China

The **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: `pct_affairs@cnipa.gov.cn`

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

### CY Cyprus

The **Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, which is now the following:

Location and mailing address: Ministry of Energy, Commerce and Industry, Corner Makarios Ave. and Karpenssiou St., 1427 Nicosia, Cyprus

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

### MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The International Bureau has been notified that the name “North Macedonia” shall be used instead of the name “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, the two-letter code remaining unchanged.

[Updating of Annexes B2 and C(EP), as well as Annexes A, B1, C, K, L and National Chapter, Summary (MK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES  
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

**KR Republic of Korea**

**Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization<sup>1</sup> – Amendment to Annex D**

Further to the amendments published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 29 August 2019 (pages 127 and 128) and 19 September 2019 (page 138), the **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an additional amendment to Annex D thereof.

This amendment, which will also enter into force on 10 October 2019, consists of a change concerning the conditions for reduction of the search fee in Part II of Annex D of the Agreement.

The amended Annex D now reads as follows:

**“Annex D  
Fees and Charges**

**Part I. [No change]**

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

(1) to (3) [No change]

(4) Where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant, is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States, the amount of the search fee to be paid is reduced by 75%: Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.

(5) to (6) [No change]”

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<sup>1</sup> Available on the WIPO website at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag\\_kr.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf).

## INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

### BG Bulgaria

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

Telephone: (359-2) 970 13 21

E-mail: services@bpo.bg

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

## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### BG Bulgaria

On 24 September 2019, the **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** notified the International Bureau that the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, is no longer required.

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

### BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2019, are CHF 401 and EUR 375, respectively, when filing online, and CHF 601 and EUR 562, respectively, when filing on paper.

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

### EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2019, is NOK 17,730.

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

## HU Hungary

New equivalent amounts of fees in **Hungarian forints (HUF)** have been established under PCT Rule 15.2(d) for the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** in its capacity as receiving Office, as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2019, are as follows:

|  |     |         |
|--|-----|---------|
| International filing fee:  | HUF | 400,500 |
| Fee per sheet in excess of 30:   | HUF | 4,500   |
| Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):   |     |         |
| Electronic filing (the request in character-coded format):                                   | HUF | 60,200  |
| Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character-coded format): | HUF | 90,300  |

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

## KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the conditions for reduction of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) payable to it as International Searching Authority — as from 10 October 2019, this fee will be reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States: Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.

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

## SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2019, is NOK 17,730.

[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 **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2019, are ZAR 31,660 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 15,830 for a small entity and ZAR 7,920 for a micro entity.

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

## XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2019, is NOK 17,730.

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

## ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts of fees in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established under PCT Rule 15.2(d) for the **Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)** in its capacity as receiving Office, as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2019, are as follows:

|  |     |        |
|--|-----|--------|
| International filing fee:  | ZAR | 20,440 |
| Fee per sheet in excess of 30:   | ZAR | 230    |
| Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):   |     |        |
| Electronic filing (the request in character-coded format):                                   | ZAR | 3,070  |
| Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character-coded format): | ZAR | 4,610  |

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

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## CONTRACTING STATES

### States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

#### WS Samoa

On 2 October 2019, **Samoa** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 2 January 2020, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 2 January 2020 will automatically include the designation of Samoa (country code: WS).

Samoa 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 2 January 2020.

Furthermore, as from 2 January 2020, nationals and residents of Samoa will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

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

## INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

#### CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

|         |                    |
|---------|--------------------|
| E-mail: | cmena@rnp.go.cr    |
|         | kquesada@rnp.go.cr |
|         | dmarenco@rnp.go.cr |

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

**KE Kenya**

The **Kenya Industrial Property Institute** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its location, mailing address and telephone numbers, as well as the deletion of its facsimile number, as follows:

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Location:        | KIPI Centre<br>17 Kabarsiran Avenue, Off Waiyaki Way<br>Lavington, Nairobi<br>Kenya   |
| Mailing address: | P.O. Box 51648-00200<br>Nairobi<br>Kenya  |
| Telephone:       | (254-20) 600 22 10, 600 22 11,<br>600 63 26, 600 63 29, 600 63 36,<br>238 62 20<br>(254-70) 200 20 20 (mobile phone)<br>(254-73) 600 20 20 (mobile phone) |

Furthermore, the Office notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the Office no longer accepts the filing of documents by facsimile machine; however, all kinds of documents may now be transmitted to the Office by e-mail. The original of the document must still be furnished within one month from the date of transmission, if the transmitted document is the international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application.

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

## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the components of the national fee,<sup>1,2</sup> in **Belarusian rubles (BYN)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2019, as follows:

For patent:

|  |     |        |
|--|-----|--------|
| Filing fee: <sup>3</sup>   | BYN | 89.25  |
| Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of 1:             | BYN | 38.25  |
| Examination fee:   | BYN | 433.50 |
| Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of 1: | BYN | 255    |
| Claim examination fee for each dependent claim in excess of 10:  | BYN | 38.25  |
| Annual fee for the third year:                                   | BYN | 89.25  |

For utility model:

|  |     |        |
|--|-----|--------|
| Filing fee <sup>3</sup> :  | BYN | 178.50 |
| Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of 1: | BYN | 89.25  |
| Claim fee for each dependent claim in excess of 10:              | BYN | 38.25  |

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

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<sup>1</sup> For residents of Belarus, the payment of fees shall be effected in Belarusian rubles. Fees are reduced by 75% for filings by natural persons, and waived in respect of certain other persons (please refer to the Office for details).

<sup>2</sup> For non-residents of Belarus the payment of fees shall be effected in US dollars, euros, Swiss francs or Russian rubles in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus (see <https://www.nbrb.by/statistics/rates/ratesDaily.asp>) and applicable on the date of payment.

<sup>3</sup> If not already paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to pay within a time limit of two months from the date of entry into the national phase.



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### KG Kyrgyzstan

The **State Service of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its Internet address, which is now as follows:

Internet: <http://patent.kg>

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

## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### IN India

The **Indian Office Patent** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1), payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. Since 17 September 2019, the consolidated list of fees for the priority document, in **Indian rupees (INR)**, is as follows:

|  |     | <i>Natural person<br/>and/or<br/>start-up</i> | <i>Small entity,<br/>alone or with<br/>natural person(s)<br/>and/or start-up</i> | <i>Others,<br/>alone or with<br/>natural<br/>person(s)<br/>and/or start-up<br/>and/or small<br/>entity</i> |
|--|-----|---|--|--|
| Fee for priority document: <sup>1</sup>  |     |   |  |  |
| – online transmission:                   |     | None  | None   | None   |
| – paper transmission:                    |     |   |  |  |
| Up to 30 pages:                          | INR | 1,100   | 2,750  | 5,500  |
| From 31 <sup>st</sup> page,<br>per page: | INR | 30  | 75   | 150  |

Furthermore, the Office also notified that, since 17 September 2019, the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, is no longer required, when the international application is filed electronically.

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

<sup>1</sup> The Indian Patent Office is a Participating Office in the WIPO Digital Access Service (DAS) (see Annex B1(IN)). No fee is required by the Office where, as a depositing Office, it has made a certified copy of the priority document available through DAS.

## RECEIVING OFFICES

### EA Eurasian Patent Organization

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a rule applicable to provisional protection after international publication — in addition to Article 9(3) of the Eurasian Patent Convention, applicants may also consult Rule 10 of the Patent Regulations under the Eurasian Patent Convention.

[Updating of Annex B2(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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

### CA Canada

Further to its notification<sup>2</sup> (under PCT Rule 49*ter*.1(g)) of the incompatibility of the national law of Canada with PCT Rule 49*ter*.1 (see PCT Gazette No. 18/2006 of 4 May 2006, page 12958), the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau that, as from 30 October 2019, the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as designated Office under the PCT will be compatible with PCT Rule 49*ter*.1(a) to (d), and this Rule will apply to the Office in respect of international applications filed on or after 30 October 2019.

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<sup>2</sup> The current list of PCT reservations, declarations, notifications and incompatibilities is available on the WIPO website at: [https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res\\_incomp.html](https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html)

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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

### JP Japan

#### Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization<sup>1</sup> – Amendment to Annex D

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iv) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex E thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 January 2020, consists of the introduction of the File Index (FI) system, in addition to the International Patent Classification, to the classification systems specified by the Office under Article 6 of the Agreement. This change will appear in the amended Annex E as follows:

#### “Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: the FI.”

## INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

### CH Switzerland

The **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) — as from 1 January 2020, the Office will discontinue the use of its facsimile services and will no longer accept the filing of documents by fax.

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

### NI Nicaragua

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

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| E-mail | ezuniga@mific.gob.ni<br>alarguello@mific.gob.ni |
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[Updating of Annex B1(NI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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<sup>1</sup> Available on the WIPO website at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag\\_jp.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf)

## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### EA Eurasian Patent Organization

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the conditions for reduction of national fees. Since 1 January 2019, the unitary procedural fee (for filing, search, publication and other processing), the claim fee for each claim and the examination fee are reduced as follows:

- by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person who is a national or resident of any of the States party to the Eurasian Patent Convention;
- by 70% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a state science or state educational organization of any of the States party to the Eurasian Patent Convention;
- by 50% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person who is a national or resident of any of the states listed on the Office's website at:  
[https://www.eapo.org/ru/documents/norm/prilposh\\_2019.html](https://www.eapo.org/ru/documents/norm/prilposh_2019.html); and
- by 10% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a legal person with a principal place of business in any of the States party to the Eurasian Patent Convention.

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

## RECEIVING OFFICES

### AZ Azerbaijan

The **Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the number of paper copies of the international application required by it – one copy is required, instead of three.

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

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

### **MD Republic of Moldova**

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 2 December 2019, as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by telephone at: (373-22) 40 05 20
- by fax at: (373-22) 44 01 19
- by e-mail at: pct@agepi.gov.md

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

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

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

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



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

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

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (<http://www.agepi.gov.md>).

**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](http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm))

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

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

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

## **VN Viet Nam**

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 December 2019, 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)
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- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by telephone at: (84-24) 3558 82 17, 3858 30 69
- by e-mail at: [angky\\_pct@noip.gov.vn](mailto:angky_pct@noip.gov.vn)

**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.noip.gov.vn](http://www.noip.gov.vn)).

**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](http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm))

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

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

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

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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

### JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning how to obtain copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3) or the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2).

Requests for copies of these documents should now be made using the relevant form available on the Office's website at:

[https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/patent/pct/tetuzuki/document/tokkyo\\_jyouyaku-jitumu/22.pdf#page=62](https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/patent/pct/tetuzuki/document/tokkyo_jyouyaku-jitumu/22.pdf#page=62)

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

## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### AZ Azerbaijan

The **Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the transmittal fee and fee for priority document, in **Azerbaijani manat (AZN)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These fees, applicable since 27 May 2019, are as follows:

|   |     |    |
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| Transmittal fee<br>(PCT Rule 14):               | AZN | 30 |
| Fee for priority document<br>(PCT Rule 17.1(b): | AZN | 10 |

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

## RECEIVING OFFICES

### TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the number of paper copies of the international application required by it – two copies are now required, instead of three.

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

## **OFFICIAL NOTICES (PCT GAZETTE)**

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## INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

### TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has notified the International Bureau that it has discontinued the use of facsimile services.

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

### TR Turkey

The **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

Location and mailing address: Hipodrom Caddesi No. 13  
06560 Yenimahalle  
Ankara, Turkey

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

### TT Trinidad and Tobago

The **Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone and facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (1-868) 226 44 76

Facsimile machine: (1-868) 226 51 60

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

## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General at the time of the fifty-first (22<sup>nd</sup> ordinary) session of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, the fee per sheet over 30 and the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, have been established in various currencies, with effect from 1 January 2020, as indicated in table 1 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

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 2020, as indicated in table 2 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the supplementary search fees have been established in Swiss francs for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, also with effect from 1 January 2020, as indicated in table 3 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

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

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

### **RO Romania**

Further to its notification (under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT) concerning the filing and processing in electronic form of international applications (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 September 2019, pages 134 *et seq.*), the **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau on 30 October 2019 that it would continue to accept international applications filed using EPO Online Filing software until 30 December 2019.

As from 31 December 2019, the Office will no longer accept international applications filed using EPO Online Filing software. Applicants wishing to file an international application in electronic form with the Office on or after 31 December 2019 may file using ePCT-Filing.



Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies) (applicable from January 1, 2020)

| Currency                          | Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 07.10.2019 | International filing fee Rule 15.2(a) | Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a) | E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees |                         |                         | Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees Item 3 | Current amount *                    |
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|                                   |  |                                       |  | Item 4(a)   | Item 4(b)               | Item 4(c)               |   |                                     |
| Reference currency<br>Swiss franc |  | 1,330                                 | 15   | 100   | 200                     | 300                     | 200   | Current amount                      |
| AUD - Australian dollar           | 0.6703732                                  | 2,005<br><b>1,984</b>                 | 23<br><b>22</b>                            | n.a<br><b>n.a</b>                                 | 302<br><b>298</b>       | 452<br><b>448</b>       | 302<br><b>298</b>                                 | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b> |
| CAD - Canadian dollar             | 0.7474476                                  | 1,730<br><b>1,779</b>                 | 20<br><b>20</b>                            | n.a<br><b>n.a</b>                                 | 260<br><b>268</b>       | 390<br><b>401</b>       | 260<br><b>268</b>                                 | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b> |
| DKK - Danish krone                | 0.1462633                                  | 8,710<br><b>9,090</b>                 | 100<br><b>100</b>                          | n.a<br><b>n.a</b>                                 | 1,310<br><b>1,370</b>   | 1,970<br><b>2,050</b>   | 1,310<br><b>1,370</b>                             | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b> |
| EUR - Euro                        | 1.0925160                                  | 1,169<br><b>1,217</b>                 | 13<br><b>14</b>                            | 88<br><b>92</b>                                   | 176<br><b>183</b>       | 264<br><b>275</b>       | 176<br><b>183</b>                                 | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b> |
| GBP - Pound sterling              | 1.2253796                                  | 1,112<br><b>1,085</b>                 | 13<br><b>12</b>                            | n.a<br><b>n.a</b>                                 | 167<br><b>163</b>       | 251<br><b>245</b>       | n.a<br><b>n.a</b>                                 | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b> |
| HUF - Hungarian forint            | 400,500<br><b>406,200</b>                  | 4,500<br><b>4,600</b>                 | 4,500<br><b>4,600</b>                      | n.a<br><b>n.a</b>                                 | 60,200<br><b>61,100</b> | 90,300<br><b>91,600</b> | n.a<br><b>n.a</b>                                 | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b> |
| ILS - New Israeli sheqel          | 0.0032745                                  | ***<br><b>***</b>                     | ***<br><b>***</b>                          | n.a<br><b>n.a</b>                                 | ***<br><b>***</b>       | ***<br><b>***</b>       | 739<br><b>706</b>                                 | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b> |
| ISK - Icelandic krona             | 0.2833729                                  | 163,600<br><b>166,200</b>             | 1,800<br><b>1,900</b>                      | n.a<br><b>n.a</b>                                 | 24,600<br><b>25,000</b> | 36,900<br><b>37,500</b> | n.a<br><b>n.a</b>                                 | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b> |
| JPY - Japanese yen                | 0.0080022                                  | 145,000<br><b>143,200</b>             | 1,600<br><b>1,600</b>                      | n.a<br><b>n.a</b>                                 | n.a<br><b>n.a</b>       | 32,700<br><b>32,300</b> | 21,800<br><b>21,500</b>                           | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b> |
| KRW - Korean won                  | 0.0092893                                  | ***<br><b>***</b>                     | ***<br><b>***</b>                          | n.a<br><b>n.a</b>                                 | n.a<br><b>n.a</b>       | ***<br><b>***</b>       | 250,000<br><b>241,000</b>                         | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b> |
| NOK - Norwegian krone             | 0.0008309                                  | 12,160<br><b>12,210</b>               | 140<br><b>140</b>                          | n.a<br><b>n.a</b>                                 | 1,830<br><b>1,840</b>   | 2,740<br><b>2,750</b>   | n.a<br><b>n.a</b>                                 | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b> |
| NZD - New Zealand dollar          | 0.1089379                                  | 2,044<br><b>2,126</b>                 | 23<br><b>24</b>                            | n.a<br><b>n.a</b>                                 | 307<br><b>320</b>       | 461<br><b>479</b>       | n.a<br><b>n.a</b>                                 | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b> |
| SEK - Swedish krona               | 0.6256969                                  | 13,150<br><b>13,240</b>               | 150<br><b>150</b>                          | n.a<br><b>n.a</b>                                 | 1,980<br><b>1,990</b>   | 2,970<br><b>2,990</b>   | 1,980<br><b>1,990</b>                             | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b> |
| SGD - Singapore dollar            | 0.1004617                                  | 1,854<br><b>1,847</b>                 | 21<br><b>21</b>                            | n.a<br><b>n.a</b>                                 | 279<br><b>278</b>       | 418<br><b>417</b>       | 279<br><b>278</b>                                 | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b> |
| USD - US dollar                   | 0.7201197                                  | 1,352<br><b>1,337</b>                 | 15<br><b>15</b>                            | 102<br><b>101</b>                                 | 203<br><b>201</b>       | 305<br><b>302</b>       | 203<br><b>201</b>                                 | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b> |
| ZAR - South African rand          | 0.9944478                                  | 20,440<br><b>20,250</b>               | 230<br><b>230</b>                          | n.a<br><b>n.a</b>                                 | 3,070<br><b>3,050</b>   | 4,610<br><b>4,570</b>   | n.a<br><b>n.a</b>                                 | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b> |

\* Amounts applicable since November 1, 2019.

\*\* Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2019.

\*\*\* 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, 2020)

| International Searching Authority             | ISA/AT     |           | ISA/AU     |                    | ISA/BR     |                    | ISA/CA     |                    |
|---|------------|-----------|------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------|
|   | EUR        | 1,775     | AUD        | 2,200              | BRL        | 2,525              | CAD        | 1,600              |
| Reference currency & amount                   | Exch. Rate |           | Exch. Rate |                    | Exch. Rate |                    | Exch. Rate |                    |
| <i>Exchange rates applicable on 7.10.2019</i> |            |           |            |                    |            |                    |            |                    |
| CHF - Swiss franc                             | 1.0925160  | 2,020     | 0.6703732  | 1,459 <sup>1</sup> | 0.2434665  | 601 <sup>2,3</sup> | 0.7474476  | 1,230 <sup>2</sup> |
| USD - US dollar                               | 0.9102364  | 1,939     | 1.4834242  | 1,475              | 4.0845365  | 410 <sup>2</sup>   |            | 1,196 <sup>2</sup> |
| EUR - Euro                                    |            | 2,053     | 1.6297131  | 1,483              | 4.4873360  | 618                | 1.3304582  | 1,250              |
| AUD - Australian dollar                       |            | 1,950     |            | 1,374 <sup>2</sup> |            | 562 <sup>2,3</sup> | 1.4616623  | 1,203              |
| DKK - Danish krone                            |            |           |            | 1,350 <sup>2</sup> |            | 375 <sup>2,3</sup> |            | 1,081 <sup>2</sup> |
| GBP - Pound sterling                          |            |           |            |                    |            | 563 <sup>2</sup>   |            | 1,095 <sup>2</sup> |
| HUF - Hungarian forint                        |            |           |            |                    |            |                    |            |                    |
| ISK - Icelandic krona                         |            |           |            |                    |            |                    |            |                    |
| JPY - Japanese yen                            |            |           |            |                    |            |                    |            |                    |
| KRW - Korean won                              | 0.0007605  | 2,279,000 | 0.0012395  | 1,768,000          |            |                    |            |                    |
| NOK - Norwegian krone                         |            | 2,334,000 |            | 1,775,000          |            |                    |            |                    |
| NZD - New Zealand dollar                      |            |           | 0.9333561  | 2,403              |            |                    |            |                    |
| SEK - Swedish krona                           |            |           |            | 2,357              |            |                    |            |                    |
| SGD - Singapore dollar                        | 0.6591388  | 2,820     |            | 2,070 <sup>1</sup> |            |                    |            |                    |
| ZAR - South African rand                      | 0.0601066  | 2,693     | 0.0979565  | 2,048              |            |                    |            |                    |
|   |            | 29,160    |            | 22,570             |            |                    |            |                    |
|   |            | 29,530    |            | 22,460             |            |                    |            |                    |

1. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2019.  
2. Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.  
3. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2019.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)  
(applicable as from January 1, 2020)

| International Searching Authority             | ISA/CL     |  |  | ISA/CN                                     |            | ISA/EG                                     |            | ISA/EP                                       |            |  |
|---|------------|--|--|--|------------|--|------------|--|------------|--|
|   | USD        | 2,000  | 400  | 300  | CNY        | 2,100                                      | EGP        | 4,000  | EUR        | 1,775                                  |
| Reference currency & amount                   | Exch. Rate |  |  |  | Exch. Rate |  |            |  | Exch. Rate |  |
| <i>Exchange rates applicable on 7.10.2019</i> |            |  |  |  |            |  |            |  |            |  |
| CHF - Swiss franc                             | 0.9944478  | 1,968 <sup>4</sup><br><b>1,989<sup>4</sup></b> | 394 <sup>4</sup><br><b>398<sup>4</sup></b> | 295 <sup>4</sup><br><b>298<sup>4</sup></b> | 0.1391124  | 301  | 0.0610120  | 238 <sup>4</sup><br><b>244<sup>4</sup></b>   | 1.0925160  | 2,020<br><b>1,939</b>                  |
| USD - US dollar                               |            |  |  |  | 7.1485202  | 306  | 16.2992165 | 239<br><b>245</b>                            | 0.9102364  | 2,053<br><b>1,950</b>                  |
| EUR - Euro                                    | 1.0986157  | 1,729 <sup>4</sup><br><b>1,820<sup>4</sup></b> | 346 <sup>4</sup><br><b>364<sup>4</sup></b> | 259 <sup>4</sup><br><b>273<sup>4</sup></b> | 7.8534768  | 264 <sup>4</sup><br><b>267<sup>4</sup></b> | 17.9065758 | 217 <sup>4,5</sup><br><b>223<sup>4</sup></b> |            | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b>    |
| AUD - Australian dollar                       |            |  |  |  |            |  |            |  |            | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b>    |
| DKK - Danish krone                            |            |  |  |  |            |  |            |  |            | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b>    |
| GBP - Pound sterling                          |            |  |  |  |            |  |            |  | 0.1338775  | 13,230<br><b>13,260</b>                |
| HUF - Hungarian forint                        |            |  |  |  |            |  |            |  | 1.1216125  | 1,576<br><b>1,583</b>                  |
| ISK - Icelandic krona                         |            |  |  |  |            |  |            |  | 0.0029972  | 573,200<br><b>592,200</b>              |
| JPY - Japanese yen                            |            |  |  |  |            |  |            |  | 0.0073246  | 249,900<br><b>242,300</b>              |
| KRW - Korean won                              |            |  |  |  |            |  |            |  | 0.0085027  | 209,000 <sup>5</sup><br><b>208,800</b> |
| NOK - Norwegian krone                         |            |  |  |  |            |  |            |  |            | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b>    |
| NZD - New Zealand dollar                      |            |  |  |  |            |  |            |  | 0.0997129  | 17,730 <sup>6</sup><br><b>17,800</b>   |
| SEK - Swedish krona                           |            |  |  |  |            |  |            |  | 0.5727119  | 2,921<br><b>3,099</b>                  |
| SGD - Singapore dollar                        |            |  |  |  |            |  |            |  | 0.0919544  | 18,380<br><b>19,300</b>                |
| ZAR - South African rand                      |            |  |  |  |            |  |            |  | 0.6591388  | 2,820<br><b>2,693</b>                  |
|   |            |  |  |  |            |  |            |  | 0.0601066  | 29,160<br><b>29,530</b>                |

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

5. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2019.

6. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2019.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)  
(applicable as from January 1, 2020)

| International Searching Authority             | ISAES                                    |  | ISA/FI                                   |  | ISA/IL                                   |                                      | ISA/IN           |                                    |                                     |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|   | EUR                                      | 1,775                                    | EUR                                      | 1,775                                    | ILS                                      | 3,567                                | INR              | 10,000                             | 2,500                               |
| Reference currency & amount                   | Exch. Rate                               |  | Exch. Rate                               |  | Exch. Rate                               |                                      | Exch. Rate       |                                    |                                     |
| <i>Exchange rates applicable on 7.10.2019</i> |  |  |  |  |  |                                      |                  |                                    |                                     |
| CHF - Swiss franc                             | 2,020 <sup>7</sup><br>1,939 <sup>7</sup> | 2,020 <sup>7</sup><br>1,939 <sup>7</sup> | 2,020 <sup>7</sup><br>1,939 <sup>7</sup> | 2,020 <sup>7</sup><br>1,939 <sup>7</sup> | 1,007 <sup>7</sup><br>1,011 <sup>7</sup> | 144<br>140                           | 144<br>0.0140080 | 36<br>35                           | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b> |
| USD - US dollar                               | 2,053<br>1,950                           | 2,053 <sup>7</sup><br>1,950 <sup>7</sup> | 2,053 <sup>7</sup><br>1,950 <sup>7</sup> | 2,053 <sup>7</sup><br>1,950 <sup>7</sup> | 963<br>1,016                             | 144<br>141                           | 70.9914192       | 36<br>35                           | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b> |
| EUR - Euro                                    |  |  |  |  | 909 <sup>7,8</sup><br>925 <sup>7</sup>   | 129 <sup>7</sup><br>128 <sup>7</sup> | 77.9922901       | 32 <sup>7</sup><br>32 <sup>7</sup> | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b> |
| AUD - Australian dollar                       |  |  |  |  | 3.8554004                                |                                      |                  |                                    | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b> |
| DKK - Danish krone                            |  |  |  |  |  |                                      |                  |                                    | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b> |
| GBP - Pound sterling                          |  |  |  |  |  |                                      |                  |                                    | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b> |
| HUF - Hungarian forint                        |  |  |  |  |  |                                      |                  |                                    | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b> |
| ISK - Icelandic krona                         |  |  |  |  |  |                                      |                  |                                    | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b> |
| JPY - Japanese yen                            |  |  |  |  |  |                                      |                  |                                    | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b> |
| KRW - Korean won                              |  |  |  |  |  |                                      |                  |                                    | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b> |
| NOK - Norwegian krone                         |  |  |  |  |  |                                      |                  |                                    | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b> |
| NZD - New Zealand dollar                      |  |  |  |  |  |                                      |                  |                                    | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b> |
| SEK - Swedish krona                           |  |  |  |  |  |                                      |                  |                                    | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b> |
| SGD - Singapore dollar                        |  |  |  |  |  |                                      |                  |                                    | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b> |
| ZAR - South African rand                      |  |  |  |  |  |                                      |                  |                                    | Current amount<br><b>New amount</b> |

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

8. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2019.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)  
(applicable as from January 1, 2020)

| International Searching Authority      | ISA/JP                    |            | ISA/KR                  |             | ISA/PH                  |            | ISA/RU     |            |
|--|---------------------------|------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
|  | JPY                       | Exch. Rate | KRW                     | Exch. Rate  | USD                     | Exch. Rate | RUB        | Exch. Rate |
| Reference currency & amount            | 156,000                   |            | 1,200,000               |             | 1,000                   |            | 40,000     |            |
| Exchange rates applicable on 7.10.2019 | 70,000                    |            | 450,000                 |             | 400                     |            | 8,500      |            |
| CHF - Swiss franc                      | 1,431                     | 0.0092893  | 981                     | 0.0008309   | 1,004 <sup>10</sup>     | 0.9944478  | 602        | 0.0153247  |
|  | <b>1,449</b>              |            | <b>997</b>              |             | <b>994<sup>10</sup></b> |            | <b>613</b> |            |
| USD - US dollar                        | 1,472 <sup>9</sup>        | 107.053039 | 991                     | 1196.832109 |                         |            | 612        | 64.8918282 |
|  | <b>1,457</b>              |            | <b>1,003</b>            |             |                         |            | <b>616</b> |            |
| EUR - Euro                             | 1,325 <sup>9,10</sup>     | 117.610153 | 902 <sup>10</sup>       | 1314.858587 | 884 <sup>10</sup>       | 1.0986157  | 567        | 71.2911835 |
|  | <b>1,326<sup>10</sup></b> |            | <b>913<sup>10</sup></b> |             | <b>910<sup>10</sup></b> |            | <b>561</b> |            |
| AUD - Australian dollar                |                           |            | 1,473                   | 806.8037068 |                         |            |            |            |
|  |                           |            | <b>1,487</b>            |             |                         |            |            |            |
| DKK - Danish krone                     |                           |            |                         |             |                         |            |            |            |
|  |                           |            |                         |             |                         |            |            |            |
| GBP - Pound sterling                   |                           |            |                         |             |                         |            |            |            |
|  |                           |            |                         |             |                         |            |            |            |
| HUF - Hungarian forint                 |                           |            |                         |             |                         |            |            |            |
|  |                           |            |                         |             |                         |            |            |            |
| ISK - Icelandic krona                  |                           |            |                         |             |                         |            |            |            |
|  |                           |            |                         |             |                         |            |            |            |
| JPY - Japanese yen                     |                           |            |                         |             |                         |            |            |            |
|  |                           |            |                         |             |                         |            |            |            |
| KRW - Korean won                       | 759,000                   | 0.0894470  |                         |             |                         |            |            |            |
|  | <b>783,000</b>            |            |                         |             |                         |            |            |            |
| NOK - Norwegian krone                  |                           |            |                         |             |                         |            |            |            |
|  |                           |            |                         |             |                         |            |            |            |
| NZD - New Zealand dollar               |                           |            | 1,571                   | 753.0351426 |                         |            |            |            |
|  |                           |            | <b>1,594</b>            |             |                         |            |            |            |
| SEK - Swedish krona                    |                           |            |                         |             |                         |            |            |            |
|  |                           |            |                         |             |                         |            |            |            |
| SGD - Singapore dollar                 | 2,043 <sup>9</sup>        | 77.5214171 | 1,377                   | 866.6743290 |                         |            |            |            |
|  | <b>2,012</b>              |            | <b>1,385</b>            |             |                         |            |            |            |
| ZAR - South African rand               |                           |            |                         |             |                         |            |            |            |
|  |                           |            |                         |             |                         |            |            |            |

9. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2019.

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

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)  
(applicable as from January 1, 2020)

| International Searching Authority      | ISA/SE <sup>11</sup> |                      | ISA/SG         |                       | ISA/TR <sup>12</sup> |                | ISA/JA            |                   |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|  | Reference currency   | Amount               | SGD            | TRY                   | TRY                  | EUR            | EUR               | 100               |
| Exchange rates applicable on 7.10.2019 |                      |                      | Taux de change |                       |                      | Taux de change |                   |                   |
| CHF - Swiss franc                      | SEK 18,380           | 2,020                | 0.7201197      | 1,607 <sup>13</sup>   | 2,020                | 1,0925160      | 341 <sup>13</sup> | 114 <sup>13</sup> |
|  | SEK 19,300           | 1,939                |                | 1,613 <sup>13</sup>   | 1,939                |                | 328 <sup>13</sup> | 109 <sup>13</sup> |
| USD - US dollar                        |                      | 2,053                |                | 1,633                 |                      |                | 347 <sup>13</sup> | 116 <sup>13</sup> |
|  |                      | 1,950                |                | 1,622                 |                      |                | 330 <sup>13</sup> | 110 <sup>13</sup> |
| EUR - Euro                             |                      | 1,775                |                | 1,412 <sup>13</sup>   |                      |                |                   |                   |
|  |                      | 1,775                |                | 1,476 <sup>13</sup>   |                      |                |                   |                   |
| AUD - Australian dollar                |                      |                      |                |                       |                      |                |                   |                   |
| DKK - Danish krone                     |                      | 13,230               |                |                       |                      |                |                   |                   |
|  |                      | 13,260               |                |                       |                      |                |                   |                   |
| GBP - Pound sterling                   |                      |                      |                |                       |                      |                |                   |                   |
| HUF - Hungarian forint                 |                      |                      |                |                       |                      |                |                   |                   |
| ISK - Icelandic krona                  |                      | 249,900              |                |                       |                      |                |                   |                   |
|  |                      | 242,300              |                |                       |                      |                |                   |                   |
| JPY - Japanese yen                     |                      |                      |                | 171,100 <sup>14</sup> |                      |                |                   |                   |
|  |                      |                      |                | 173,600               |                      |                |                   |                   |
| KRW - Korean won                       |                      |                      |                | 0.0128997             |                      |                |                   |                   |
| NOK - Norwegian krone                  |                      | 17,730 <sup>15</sup> |                |                       |                      |                |                   |                   |
|  |                      | 17,800               |                |                       |                      |                |                   |                   |
| NZD - New Zealand dollar               |                      |                      |                |                       |                      |                |                   |                   |
| SEK - Swedish krona                    |                      |                      |                |                       |                      |                |                   |                   |
| SGD - Singapore dollar                 |                      |                      |                |                       |                      |                |                   |                   |
| ZAR - South African rand               |                      |                      |                |                       |                      |                |                   |                   |

11. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2020, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.  
 12. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2020, to be fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.  
 13. Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.  
 14. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2019.  
 15. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2019.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)  
 (applicable as from January 1, 2020)

| International Searching Authority      | ISA/US                                     |  |  | ISAXN <sup>16</sup>                        |  | ISAXV     |  |                              |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|-----------|--|------------------------------|
|  | Reference currency & amount                | USD                                    | 1,040                                  | 520  | DKK  | 13,230    | EUR  | 1,775                        |
| Exchange rates applicable on 7.10.2019 | Exch. Rate                                 |  |  |  |  |           | Exch. Rate                                 |                              |
| CHF - Swiss franc                      | 2,046<br>2,068                             | 1,023<br>1,034                         | 512<br>517                             | 2,020 <sup>17</sup><br>1,939 <sup>17</sup> | 2,020 <sup>17</sup><br>1,939 <sup>17</sup> | 1,0925160 | 2,020 <sup>17</sup><br>1,939 <sup>17</sup> | Current amount<br>New amount |
| USD - US dollar                        | 0.9944478                                  |  |  | 2,053 <sup>17</sup><br>1,950 <sup>17</sup> | 2,053 <sup>17</sup><br>1,950 <sup>17</sup> | 0.9102364 | 2,053 <sup>17</sup><br>1,950 <sup>17</sup> | Current amount<br>New amount |
| EUR - Euro                             | 1,798 <sup>17</sup><br>1,893 <sup>17</sup> | 899 <sup>17</sup><br>947 <sup>17</sup> | 450 <sup>17</sup><br>473 <sup>17</sup> | 1,775 <sup>17</sup><br>1,775 <sup>17</sup> | 1,775 <sup>17</sup><br>1,775 <sup>17</sup> |           |  | Current amount<br>New amount |
| AUD - Australian dollar                | 1.0986157                                  |  |  |  |  |           |  | Current amount<br>New amount |
| DKK - Danish krone                     |  |  |  |  |  |           |  | Current amount<br>New amount |
| GBP - Pound sterling                   |  |  |  |  |  |           |  | Current amount<br>New amount |
| HUF - Hungarian forint                 |  |  |  |  |  |           |  | Current amount<br>New amount |
| ISK - Icelandic krona                  |  |  |  | 249,900<br>242,300                         | 249,900<br>242,300                         |           |  | Current amount<br>New amount |
| JPY - Japanese yen                     |  |  |  |  |  |           |  | Current amount<br>New amount |
| KRW - Korean won                       |  |  |  |  |  |           |  | Current amount<br>New amount |
| NOK - Norwegian krone                  |  |  |  |  |  |           |  | Current amount<br>New amount |
| NZD - New Zealand dollar               | 3,145<br>3,306                             | 1,573<br>1,653                         | 786<br>826                             |  |  |           |  | Current amount<br>New amount |
| SEK - Swedish krona                    | 0.6291903                                  |  |  | 18,380<br>19,300                           | 18,380<br>19,300                           |           |  | Current amount<br>New amount |
| SGD - Singapore dollar                 |  |  |  |  |  |           |  | Current amount<br>New amount |
| ZAR - South African rand               | 31,660 <sup>18</sup><br>31,500             | 15,830 <sup>18</sup><br>15,750         | 7,920 <sup>18</sup><br>7,870           |  |  |           |  | Current amount<br>New amount |
|  | 0.0660340                                  |  |  |  |  |           |  | Current amount<br>New amount |

16. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2020, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

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

18. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2019.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees  
(applicable from January 1, 2020)

| International Searching Authority<br>(Supplementary Search) | ISA/AT                      |   | ISA/EP                      |   | ISA/IF                      |   | ISA/RU                      |   |
|---|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|
|   | Reference currency & Amount | Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles <sup>5</sup> | Reference currency & Amount | Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles <sup>4</sup> | Reference currency & Amount | Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles <sup>4</sup> | Reference currency & Amount | Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles <sup>5</sup> |
| Reference currency & Amount                                 | EUR 850 <sup>1</sup>        | 1,190 <sup>2</sup>                                | EUR 1,775                   | 1,700 <sup>3</sup>                                | EUR 1,775                   | 1,800   | EUR 1,775                   | 18,880 <sup>5</sup>                               |
| Exchange rate applicable on 07.10.2019                      | Exch. Rate 1.0925160        | 1,300   | Exch. Rate 1.0925160        | 1,857   | Exch. Rate 1.0925160        | 1,939   | Exch. Rate 1.0925160        | 289   |
| CHF - Swiss franc   | 929                         | 1,300   | 1,939                       | 1,857   | 1,939                       | 181   | 1,939                       | 289   |

1. For a search of the German-language documentation.
2. For a search of the European or North American documentation.
3. For a search of only the PCT minimum documentation.
4. This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
5. This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1 (iv) (methods of treatment).



Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees  
(applicable from January 1, 2020)

| International Searching Authority<br>(Supplementary Search) | ISA/SE                          | ISA/SG            | ISA/TR   | ISA/JA   |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| Reference currency & Amount                                 | SEK 18,380                      | SGD 2,240         | TRY 500 <sup>6</sup> 12,210                        | EUR 60 <sup>7</sup> 70 <sup>8</sup> 90 <sup>9</sup> 90 <sup>10</sup> |
|   | SEK <b>19,300</b> <sup>11</sup> |                   | TRY <b>11,300</b> <sup>12</sup>                    |  |
| <i>Exchange rate applicable<br/>on 07.10.2019</i>           |                                 | <i>Exch. Rate</i> |  | <i>Exch. Rate</i>  |
| CHF - Swiss franc   | <b>1,939</b> <sup>13</sup>      | 0.7201197         | <b>86</b> <sup>14</sup> <b>1,939</b> <sup>14</sup> | 1.0925160  |
|   |                                 | <b>1,613</b>      |  | <b>66</b> <b>76</b> <b>98</b> <b>98</b>                              |

6. For a search of only on the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority.
7. This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
8. For a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation.
9. For a search of only the European and North American documentation.
10. For a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation.
11. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2020.
12. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2020.
13. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2020.
14. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2020.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees  
(applicable from January 1, 2020)

| International Searching Authority<br>(Supplementary Search)        | ISAXN  | ISAXV   |
|--|--|---|
| Reference currency & Amount  | DKK 4,000 <sup>15</sup> 13,230   | EUR 550 <sup>16</sup> 1,775                                       |
| <i>Exchange rate applicable on 07.10.2019</i><br>CHF - Swiss franc | DKK <b>13,260</b> <sup>17</sup><br><br><b>585</b> <sup>18</sup> <b>1,939</b> <sup>18</sup> | <i>Exch. Rate</i><br><br><i>1.0925160</i> <b>601</b> <b>1,939</b> |

15. For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

16. For a search of only the documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak.

17. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2020.

18. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2020.

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## INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

### BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

The **Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** has notified the International Bureau of a change to the location and mailing address of its Sarajevo branch office, which is now as follows:

Location and mailing address: Bulevar Meše Selimovića 95  
571000 Sarajevo  
Bosnia and Herzegovina

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

### PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its Internet address, which is now as follows:

Internet: <https://inpi.justica.gov.pt/>

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

## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office since 1 July 2019, as follows:

|  |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Transmittal fee:<br>(PCT Rule 14)  | EUR 10.77 (online)                  |
|  | EUR 21.53 (on paper)                |
| Fee for priority document:<br>(PCT Rule 17.1(b))                                     | EUR 43.05                           |
| Fee for requesting restoration<br>of the right of priority:<br>(PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)) | EUR 161.43 (request filed online)   |
|  | EUR 322.87 (request filed on paper) |

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

In addition, the Office notified new amounts of the national fee,<sup>1</sup> in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 July 2019. These amounts are as follows:

|                    |            |            |
|--------------------|------------|------------|
| For patent:        | EUR 107.62 | (online)   |
|                    | EUR 215.24 | (on paper) |
| For utility model: | EUR 188.35 | (online)   |
|                    | EUR 376.67 | (on paper) |

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

## RECEIVING OFFICES

### NI Nicaragua

Pursuant to Section 332(e) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the language in which the request may be filed (PCT Rule 12.1(c)) is Spanish.

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

### RO Romania

Pursuant to Section 332(e) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the languages in which the request may be filed (PCT Rule 12.1(c)) are English, French or German.

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

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

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

### **TN Tunisia**

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI (Tunisia))**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 2 January 2020, as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by telephone at: (216-71) 80 67 58
- by fax at: (216-71) 80 70 71
- by e-mail at: innorpi@planet.tn

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (<http://www.innorpi.tn/>).

**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](http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm))

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

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

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

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

### DO Dominican Republic

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** has specified special provisions of its national law related to the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material. These provisions, which concern the time by which the applicant must furnish certain indications prescribed in Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii), as well as further indications that must be provided in addition to those prescribed in that Rule, are as follows:

| Designated<br>(or elected) Office   | Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from<br>priority date by which applicant must<br>furnish: |   | Additional indications<br>(if any) which must be<br>given besides those<br>prescribed in<br>Rule 13 <i>bis</i> .3(a)(i) to (iii)<br>pursuant to<br>notifications from the<br>Offices concerned |
|---|--|---|--|
|   | the indications<br>prescribed in<br>Rule 13 <i>bis</i> .3(a)(i)<br>to (iii)                    | any additional<br>matter specified<br>in the adjacent<br>right-hand<br>column |  |
| <b>Dominican<br/>Republic</b><br><br>National Office of<br>Industrial Property<br>(Dominican<br>Republic) | At the time of filing<br>(must be in the<br>description)                                       | At the time of filing<br>(must be in the<br>description)                      | To the extent available to<br>the applicant, relevant<br>information on the<br>characteristics of the<br>microorganism   |

[Updating of Annexes B1(DO) and L 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, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2020, the **International Bureau will not be open** to the public for the transaction of official business on the following days:

all Saturdays and Sundays and  
1 January 2020,  
10 and 13 April 2020,  
1 June 2020,  
25 and 31 December 2020.

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

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### CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the provisions of its national law related to provisional protection after international publication. In addition to subsection 55(2) of the Patent Act of Canada, applicants may now also consult section 157 of Canada's Patent Rules (instead of section 66).

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

### IE Ireland

The **Patents Office (Ireland)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to the name of the Office, as well as to its e-mail and Internet addresses. These changes, applicable from 2 December 2019, are as follows:

Name of Office: Intellectual Property Office of Ireland

E-mail: [ipinfo@ipoi.gov.ie](mailto:ipinfo@ipoi.gov.ie)

Internet: [www.ipoi.gov.ie](http://www.ipoi.gov.ie)

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

### MG Madagascar

The **Industrial Property Office of Madagascar** has notified the International Bureau of the discontinuation of its facsimile number, as well as changes to its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (261-20) 22 335 02  
(261-34) 43 152 36

Furthermore, the Office notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – it no longer accepts the filing of documents by facsimile; however, all kinds of documents may now be transmitted to the Office by e-mail. The original of the document must still be furnished within one month from the date of transmission.

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

## DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

### MG Madagascar

The **Industrial Property Office of Madagascar** has notified the International Bureau that the list of registered patent agents having the right to practice before the Office is available on the Office's website at: <http://www.omapi.mg/listes-des-mandataires.html>.

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

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

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents ("DAS"), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly.

Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place, is able to participate in DAS, either as an office of first filing ("depositing Office") or as an office of second filing ("accessing Office"), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17) in a wide variety of media and formats.

Notifications made under Section 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT or paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions for the Digital Access for Priority Documents are published by the International Bureau at: [www.wipo.int/das/en/participating\\_offices.html](http://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html).

### CA Canada

Pursuant to Section 715(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and in accordance with paragraph 12 of the Framework Provisions for the Digital Access of Priority Documents, the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as an accessing Office, with effect since 30 October 2019.

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### FI Finland

#### Agreement between the Finnish Patent and Registration Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization<sup>1</sup> – Amendment to Annex D

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Part I of Annex D thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 January 2020, consists of the deletion of the fee for the cost of copies of documents cited in the international search report, the supplementary international search report and the international preliminary examination report, under PCT Rules 44.3(b), 45*bis*.7(c) and 71.2(b)), respectively.

## INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

### ME Montenegro

The **Intellectual Property Office (Montenegro)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the name of the Office, its telephone number, and e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| Name of Office: | Ministry of Economy, Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro) |
| Telephone:      | (382) 20 234 592   |
| E-mail:         | intelektualna.svojina@mek.gov.me                                       |
| Internet:       | www.ziscg.me<br>www.mek.gov.me   |

In addition, the Office notified that facsimile services are not available.

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

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<sup>1</sup> The Agreement is available on the WIPO website at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag\\_fi.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_fi.pdf).

**SM San Marino**  
**EP European Patent Organisation**

The **Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino)** has notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 January 2020, San Marino will close the national route for obtaining patent protection via the PCT. Any designation of San Marino in an international application filed on, or after, 1 January 2020 will have the effect of an indication of the wish to obtain a European Patent for San Marino.

[Updating of Annex B1(SM) and of the National Chapter (SM), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

**FI Finland**

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)**, in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau of the discontinuation, as from 1 January 2020, of the fees for the cost of an additional set of copies of the documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3(b)), the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 45*bis*.7(c)) and the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2(b)).

Applicants will continue to receive, together with the international search report, the supplementary international search report, the written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge.

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

## RECEIVING OFFICES

**SM San Marino**  
**EP European Patent Organisation**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), the **Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino)** has notified the International Bureau that, as from 1 January 2020, it will cease to act as a receiving Office and, with effect from this date, delegates its functions as receiving Office to the European Patent Office (EPO).

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

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

### **NO Norway**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Norwegian Industrial Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification as published in the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) of 3 December 2015, pages 198 *et seq.* In particular, as from 6 February 2020, the Office will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed using the PCT-SAFE software (under Sections 703(b)(iv) and 710(a)(i) of the Administrative Instructions).

Consequently, as from 6 February 2020, the item concerning electronic filing software specified by the Office in its aforementioned notification will be replaced by the following:

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

- ePCT-Filing
- EPO online filing software

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



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**SG Singapore**

**Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization<sup>1</sup> – Amendment to Annex A**

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which entered into force on 2 December 2019, consists of the addition of Uganda to the list of States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. The amended Annex A now reads as follows:

**“Annex A  
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

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

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

Singapore, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Thailand, Uganda, United States of America, Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

Singapore, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Thailand, Uganda, United States of America, Viet Nam.

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

- (ii) [No change]”

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<sup>1</sup> Available on the WIPO website at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag\\_sg.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_sg.pdf).

## INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

### CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be provided if Canada is designated (or elected) – they may be furnished either in the request or at a later date. If the information is not furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) or, where the applicant requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2), if this information is not furnished by the national phase entry date, the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within three months from the date of the invitation.

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

### PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone and facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (632) 7238 63 00

Facsimile machine: (632) 8856 92 93

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

## FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

### ME Montenegro

The **Ministry of Economy, Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro)** has notified the International Bureau of the amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 30 March 2019, is EUR 15.

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

## RECEIVING OFFICES

### UG Uganda

The **Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the URSB by nationals and residents of Uganda, with effect since 2 December 2019.

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES  
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

**KR Republic of Korea**

**Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization<sup>1</sup> – Amendment to Annexes A and D**

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Articles 11(2) and 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 January 2020, consist of the addition of Cambodia to the States indicated in item (i) of Annex A and item (4) of Annex D, Part II. As from 1 January 2020, 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:

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

Republic of Korea, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United States of America and Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

Republic of Korea, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United States of America and Viet Nam.

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

(ii) [No change]”

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<sup>1</sup> Available on the WIPO website at: [www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag\\_kr.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf)

**“Annex D  
Fees and Charges**

**Part I. Schedule of fees and charges**

[No change]

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

(1) to (3) [No change]

(4) Where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant, is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States, the amount of the search fee to be paid is reduced by 75%: Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.

(5) to (6) [No change]”

**FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**

**IL Israel**

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, of the transmittal fee payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, and of the filing fee payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable as from 1 January 2020, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:  
(PCT Rule 14): ILS 559

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

National fee:  
Filing fee: ILS 2,047

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

## RECEIVING OFFICES

### KH Cambodia

The **Ministry of Industry and Handicraft (MIH) (Department of Industrial Property of Cambodia (DIPC))** has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office (JPO) and the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the DIPC by nationals and residents of Cambodia, with effect from 1 January 2020.

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

### UG Uganda

Information on the requirements of the **Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)** as receiving Office is provided in Annex C(UG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

## ERRONEOUSLY FILED ELEMENTS AND PARTS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY UNDER PCT RULES 20.8(A-BIS) AND (B-BIS)

During its fifty-first (22<sup>nd</sup> ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 20.5bis<sup>2</sup> of the PCT Regulations concerning erroneously filed elements and parts of international applications, as well as Rules 20.8(a-bis) and 20.8(b-bis), concerning incompatibility of Rules 20.5bis(a)(ii)<sup>3</sup> and 20.5bis(d)<sup>4</sup> with the national laws applied by receiving Offices. These new Rules, among others, will enter into force on 1 July 2020.

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<sup>2</sup> The complete text of Rule 20.5bis is reproduced in Annex III of document number PCT/A/51/2, which is available online at: [https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/pct\\_a\\_51/pct\\_a\\_51\\_2.pdf](https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/pct_a_51/pct_a_51_2.pdf).

<sup>3</sup> New Rule 20.5bis(a)(ii) states: "Where, in determining whether the papers purporting to be an international application fulfil the requirements of Article 11(1), the receiving Office finds that an entire element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) has or appears to have been erroneously filed, or that a part of the description, claims or drawings has or appears to have been erroneously filed, including the case where all drawings have or appear to have been erroneously filed ("erroneously filed element or part"), it shall promptly invite the applicant, at the applicant's option to confirm, in accordance with Rule 20.6(a), that the correct element or part was incorporated by reference under Rule 4.18 and to make observations, if any, within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7. If that time limit expires after the expiration of 12 months from the filing date of any application whose priority is claimed, the receiving Office shall call that circumstance to the attention of the applicant."

<sup>4</sup> New Rule 20.5bis(d) states: "Where, following an invitation under paragraph (a) or otherwise, a correct element or part is, under Rule 20.6(b), considered to have been contained in the purported international application on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, the erroneously filed element or part concerned shall remain in the application, and the receiving Office shall accord as the international filing date the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled and proceed as provided in Rule 20.2(b) and (c) and as provided for in the Administrative Instructions."

New Rule 20.8(a-*bis*) states: “If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply to an international application filed with that receiving Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

New Rule 20.8(b-*bis*) states: “If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply in respect of that Office in relation to an international application in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22 have been performed before that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

### **EP European Patent Organisation**

In accordance with new PCT Rules 20.8(a-*bis*) and (b-*bis*), which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that new PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and 20.5*bis*(d) cannot be considered to be compatible with the legal framework of the Convention on the Grant of European Patents (EPC).



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| <b>C</b>  | <b>Receiving Offices</b>                              | <b>C</b>  |
| <b>UG</b> | <b>UGANDA REGISTRATION SERVICES<br/>BUREAU (URSB)</b> | <b>UG</b> |

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| Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:   | Uganda   |
| Language in which international applications may be filed:   | English  |
| Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:  | 3  |
| Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)? | Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests         |
| Competent International Searching Authority:   | Intellectual Property Office of Singapore  |
| Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:   | Intellectual Property Office of Singapore  |
| Fees payable to the receiving Office:  | Currency: Uganda shilling (UGX)  |
| Transmittal fee:   | Please refer to the Office   |
| International filing fee: <sup>1</sup>   | Equivalent in UGX of US dollars 1,352 (1,337) <sup>2</sup>   |
| Fee per sheet in excess of 30: <sup>1</sup>  | Equivalent in UGX of US dollars 15   |
| Search fee:  | Equivalent amount in UGX of the search fee payable to the International Searching Authority: See Annex D(SG) |
| Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):  | Please refer to the Office   |
| 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 Uganda<br>Yes, if he is a non-resident                                       |
| Who can act as agent?  | Any advocate of the High Court of Uganda   |
| 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   |

<sup>1</sup> This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

<sup>2</sup> The amount in parentheses is applicable as from 1 January 2020.