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IE Ireland

The **Intellectual Property Office of Ireland** has notified the International Bureau of information of interest if Ireland is designated (or elected), with effect since 2 December 2019, as follows:

Applicants of an international application designating Ireland for a European patent may request the Controller, within 31 months from the priority date, that the international application be treated as an application for a patent in Ireland under Part II of the *Patents Act 1992* (refer to Section 127A of the *Copyright and Other Intellectual Property Law Provisions Act 2019*, effective from 2 December 2019, and Rule 87A of the *Patents (Amendment) Rules 2019*, S.I. 589/2019).

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

LS Lesotho

The **Registrar General's Office (Lesotho)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone numbers and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (266) 22 31 28 56
(266) 22 31 12 51

E-mail: registrar.general@gov.ls

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

QA Qatar

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

Telephone: (974) 4042 3278

E-mail: malnoaimi@moci.gov.qa
salobaidli@moci.gov.qa
walmkhlef@moci.gov.qa

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

TM Turkmenistan

The **Patent Department, Ministry of Economy and Finance of Turkmenistan** has notified the international Bureau of changes to the name of the Office, as well as to its location, telephone and facsimile numbers, and Internet address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	State Service for Intellectual Property of the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan
Location:	Archabil Ave., 156 Ashgabat City Turkmenistan
Telephone:	(993-12) 39 46 86 (993-12) 39 46 84
Facsimile machine:	(993-12) 98 24 45
Internet:	http://fineconomic.gov.tm/ru

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

UA Ukraine

The **Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, Department for Intellectual Property** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Name of Office:	Ministry for Development of Economy, Trade and Agriculture of Ukraine, Department for Development of Intellectual Property
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[Updating of Annex B1(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Due to the official closing of federal government offices, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Thursday, 24 December 2020, in addition to the previously planned closure on Friday, 25 December 2020.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on Monday, 28 December 2020.

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

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

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2021, is ZAR 32,730.

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

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2021, is ZAR 24,970.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2021, is ZAR 32,730.

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2021, are ZAR 33,650 for an entity other than a small or micro-entity, ZAR 16,830 for a small entity, and ZAR 8,410 for a micro-entity.

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

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	22,660
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	260
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	ZAR	3,410
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	ZAR	5,110

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

WAIVERS OF SEPARATE POWER OF ATTORNEY OR COPY OF GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)

IT Italy

Pursuant PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it waives the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney, respectively, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 March 2021.

However, the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has also indicated particular instances in which a power of attorney is still required.

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

- if the agent is not a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law authorized to practice in Italy (recorded in the pertinent official register or professional roll) or any law firm employing such a lawyer or attorney-at-law.
- if the agent is not a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law qualified to practice in another member State of the European Union, authorized to pursue certain professional activities in Italy on a temporary basis (refer to legislative Decree No. 206/2007).
- in case of reasonable doubt regarding the agent's entitlement to act.
- in case of a common representative (separate power of attorney required).

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

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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IL Israel

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

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 March 2021.

With effect from 1 March 2021, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Israel new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,553
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,553
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,523
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,523
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13 ^{ter} .1(c) and 13 ^{ter} .2)	457
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 ^{ter} and 94.2), per document	[No change]

Part II. [No change]

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau that its filing offices in Munich, The Hague, and Berlin were not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 4 to 8 January 2021 (inclusive).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expires on Monday, 11 January 2021. For further information, refer to the Notice from the President of the EPO dated 16 December 2020, available at:

<https://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/president-notice/archive/20201216.html>

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

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

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

PH Philippines

Due to inclement weather conditions, the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 11 to 13 November 2020 (inclusive).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on Monday, 16 November 2020.

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

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

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2021, is BYN 71.05.

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

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 March 2021, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	3,553
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	3,553
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	ILS	457

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

Furthermore, the Office also notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and applicable from 1 March 2021, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	ILS	1,523
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	ILS	1,523
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	ILS	457

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

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

FR France

Certain information concerning the participation of the **National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France)** in the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”), as notified to the International Bureau and reproduced in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 22 October 2020 (page 220), was erroneous.

The said notification is hereby corrected and republished, as follows:

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions of the Digital Access for Priority Documents*, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France)** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office, with effect from 1 December 2020, for international applications filed on or after 1 October 2019, which the applicant has expressly requested to be made available through DAS.

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

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2021, are USD 318 when filing online, and USD 476 when filing on paper.

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

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2021, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): BYN 71.05

Fee for requesting restoration
of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)): BYN 60.90

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

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2021, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): EUR 75.00

Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): EUR 29.98

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

IL Israel

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2021, are CHF 976, EUR 903 and USD 1,107, respectively.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2021, are USD 115 for searches carried out in Russian, and USD 543 for searches carried out in English.

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2021, are NZD 3,076 for an entity other than a small or micro-entity; NZD 1,538 for a small entity; and NZD 769 for a micro-entity.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the components of the national fee,^{1, 2} in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2021, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:	BYN	71.05
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	30.45
Examination fee:	BYN	345.10
Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	203
Annual fee for the third year:	BYN	71.05

¹ For residents of Belarus, the payment of fees shall be effected in Belarusian roubles in accordance with the rate of the base value.

² For non-residents of Belarus the payment of fees shall be effected in US dollars, euros, Swiss francs or Russian roubles, unless otherwise provided for by international agreements with the Republic of Belarus, in accordance with the rate of the base value and the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus applicable on the date of payment.

For utility model:

Filing fee:	BYN	142.10
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	71.05

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

GM Gambia

The **Registrar General's Department, Ministry of Justice (Gambia)** has notified the International Bureau that the amount of the national filing fee, in **Gambian dalasi (GMD)** and **US dollars (USD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, is GMD 5,000³ or USD 400³ (for applicants who are not residents of the Gambia).

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

VN Viet Nam

The **Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam)** has notified the International Bureau of a temporary change concerning exemption, reduction or refund of the filing fee component of the national fee. For the period from 1 January to 30 June 2021, the amount of the national filing fee, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, is reduced by 50%.

For additional information, refer to Circular No 112/2020/TT-BTC dated December 29, 2020 of the Ministry of Finance.

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

³ Includes examination, grant, and publication.

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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) GB United Kingdom

On 23 December 2020, the **Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** deposited a declaration in accordance with Article 62(3) of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).

With effect from 23 March 2021, the United Kingdom's ratification of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) shall be extended to the territory of the **Bailiwick of Guernsey**, for the international relations of which the United Kingdom is responsible.

For additional information, refer to PCT Notification No. 218, available on the WIPO website at:

https://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/notifications/pct/treaty_pct_218.html

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

GE Georgia

Due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, and taking into consideration the recommendations of the Interagency Coordination Council established at the Government of Georgia, the **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 3 January to 15 January 2021 (inclusive).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on Monday, 18 January 2021.

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

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

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2021, is USD 1,697.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

MG Madagascar

The **Industrial Property Office of Madagascar** has notified the International Bureau that the filing fee component of the national fee, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, includes grant and publication.

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

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RECEIVING OFFICES

GB United Kingdom

The **Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office. The following persons may now act as such:

Any individual, partnership or body corporate who resides in or has a place of business in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or a Member State of the European Economic Area (EEA). A list of registered patent attorneys may be obtained from the following address: The Registrar, c/o The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys, 2nd Floor Halton House, 20-23 Holborn, London, EC1N 2JD.¹ For international applications filed on or after 1 January 2021, any agent appointed must have an address for service in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands or Gibraltar.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

GB United Kingdom

The **Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* (Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27), which are now as follows:

- Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application;^{2, 3}
- No representation by an agent is required, but an address for service in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands or Gibraltar is necessary (refer to *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Procedure in the National Phase, paragraph GB.04 (Address for Service) for additional information).⁴

¹ E-mail: mail@cipa.org.uk; Internet: www.cipa.org.uk; telephone: (44-20) 74 05 94 50; facsimile: (44-20) 74 30 04 71.

² Must be furnished within 33 months from the priority date. Where the applicant expressly requests early entry into the national phase, the name and address of the inventor must be furnished within 16 months from the priority date, or two months from the date on which the conditions for early entry are satisfied, whichever is the later (unless already furnished in the “Request”).

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

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

Furthermore, the Office notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. The following persons may now act as such:

Any individual, partnership or body corporate who resides in or has a place of business in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or a Member State of the European Economic Area (EEA). A list of registered patent attorneys may be obtained from the following address: The Registrar, c/o The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys, 2nd Floor Halton House, 20-23 Holborn, London, EC1N 2JD.⁵ For international applications that enter the national phase on or after 1 January 2021, any agent appointed must have an address for service in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands or Gibraltar.

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

WAIVERS OF SEPARATE POWER OF ATTORNEY OR COPY OF GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of changes to particular instances in which the Office may require a separate power of attorney⁶ or a copy of a general power of attorney under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii), respectively, even if the receiving Office has waived the requirement in general.

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

- If the agent is not:
 - (i) a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law authorized to practice in Germany;
 - (ii) a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law of a member State of the European Union, of a contracting party to the *Agreement on the European Economic Area*, or of Switzerland, authorized to pursue certain professional activities (refer to the *Act on the Activities of European Patent Attorneys in Germany* and the *Act on the Activities of European Lawyers in Germany*).
- In case of reasonable doubts regarding the agent's entitlement to act.
- In case of a common representative (separate power of attorney required).

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

⁵ E-mail: mail@cipa.org.uk; Internet: www.cipa.org.uk; telephone: (44-20) 74 05 94 50; facsimile: (44-20) 74 30 04 71.

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

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DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

ID Indonesia

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its special requirement, under PCT Rule 51*bis* (Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27), concerning the translation of the international application: the Office continues to require that the translation of the international application be furnished in three copies; however, where the international application is filed electronically, only one copy of the translation in electronic form must be furnished.

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

VN Viet Nam

The **Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its special requirement, under PCT Rule 51*bis* (Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27), concerning the translation of the international application: the Office now requires that the translation of the international application be furnished in two copies, instead of three.

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

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

IB International Bureau of WIPO

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 703(a), 710(b) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **International Bureau**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 07/2004 of 12 February 2004 (pages 3796 *et seq.*), as modified by the notifications published in PCT Gazette No. 43/2005 of 27 October 2005 (page 28466) and the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 8 May 2014 (pages 64 *et seq.*).

In particular, as from 1 July 2021, the International Bureau, in its capacity as receiving Office, will no longer accept the filing of international applications in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software.

Consequently, as from 1 July 2021, the International Bureau, in its capacity as receiving Office, is prepared to accept international applications in electronic form according to the following requirements:

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

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

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

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5.1 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing
- EPO online filing software

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

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

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

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the International Bureau as receiving Office will contain the information required under Section 704(a)(i).

The International Bureau as receiving Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) will a notification, or confirmation, of receipt not be generated.

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

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

Online payment is available through WIPO's online Payment platform (<https://www3.wipo.int/epayweb/en/main.xhtml>).

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

The PCT eServices Help Desk is available from 8.30 a.m. until 6.00 p.m. (Central European time) and can be contacted as follows:

- by e-mail at: pct.eservices@wipo.int
- by telephone at: (+41-22) 338 95 23

Every attempt will be made to respond to e-mail questions within one business day.

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

- international applications
- related documents to be submitted to the receiving Office after filing of the international application

However, priority documents may only be submitted in electronic form indirectly, using the WIPO Digital Access Service for priority documents, save for priority documents created in signed PDF format by the authority that received the earlier application, where the International Bureau has recognized the authority's format as one that can be accepted by ePCT.

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

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

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

In case of failure of electronic systems when an international application is to be filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office, the applicant may use the ePCT Contingency Upload Service,¹ submit documents on physical media (CD-R or DVD-R), or use a different receiving Office. In addition, the International Bureau as receiving Office will use all means available to it, such as e-mail or notices on the WIPO website, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

¹ Available at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/contingencyupload.html>

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

- WIPO customer CA (<https://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm>)
- the International Bureau as receiving Office will also accept certificates issued by certification authorities which are accepted by other PCT receiving Offices and which have been notified accordingly to the International Bureau under Section 710, provided that such certificates are permitted, under the relevant certificate policy, to be used for filing with the International Bureau as receiving Office.

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

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

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

FILING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF NOTIFICATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE OR OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

IB International Bureau of WIPO

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance Sections 703(a), 710(a), and 713(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions, the **International Bureau** notifies that, with effect from 1 July 2021, it is prepared to receive notifications, communications, correspondence or other documents relating to international applications in electronic form, according to the following requirements:

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

- XML (for Article 19 amendments and data generated through ePCT “Actions”; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- PDF (for other files)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

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

- online submission

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

- ePCT, using “Actions” or document upload

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

- facsimile or text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

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

Online payment is available through WIPO’s online Payment platform (<https://www3.wipo.int/epayweb/en/main.xhtml>).

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

The PCT eServices Help Desk is available from 8.30 a.m. until 6.00 p.m. (Central European time) and can be contacted as follows:

- by e-mail at: pct.eservices@wipo.int
- by telephone at: (+41-22) 338 95 23

Every attempt will be made to respond to e-mail questions within one business day.

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

- documents for the International Bureau related to international applications

However, priority documents may only be submitted in electronic form indirectly, using the WIPO Digital Access Service for priority documents, save for priority documents created in signed PDF format by the authority that received the earlier application, where the International Bureau has recognized the authority’s format as one that can be accepted by ePCT.

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

The International Bureau will accept the filing of documents in Office Open XML (docx) format together with Article 19 amendments.

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

In case of failure of electronic systems when a document is to be submitted, the applicant may use the ePCT Contingency Upload Service² or submit documents on physical media (CD-R or DVD-R). In addition, the International Bureau will use all means available to it, such as e-mail or notices on the WIPO website, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

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

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

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

EP European Patent Organisation

In accordance with PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2(a) concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office or organization, the **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of the following period of unavailability of one of its permitted electronic means of communication:

- New online filing (CMS): 23 December 2020, from 08:20 CET (Central European Time) to 18:45 CET.

Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to the unavailability of the above-mentioned service during the indicated period may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions, published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 November 2020, page 254.

Information concerning this unavailability has been published on the EPO website at:

<https://www.epo.org/service-support/availability-of-online-services/2020.html>

and on the WIPO website at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/unavailability.html>

² Available at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/contingencyupload.html>

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SD Sudan

The **Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department (Sudan)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: epct.info@ipsudan.gov.sd

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CU Cuba

The **Cuban Industrial Property Office** has notified the International Bureau that, since 1 January 2021, the currency for payment of fees to the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, is the **Cuban peso (CUP)**.

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of the transmittal fee and the fee for priority document, in **Cuban pesos (CUP)**, payable since 1 January 2021, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): CUP 2,400

Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): CUP 2,400

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

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee	NOK 12,750
Fee per sheet in excess of 30	NOK 140
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format)	NOK 1,920
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format)	NOK 2,880

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

PE Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the number of paper copies of the international application required by it – one copy is now required, instead of three.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CU Cuba

The **Cuban Industrial Property Office**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau that, since 1 January 2021, the currency for payment of the national fee, and for exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, is the **Cuban peso (CUP)**.

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts, in **Cuban pesos (CUP)**, of the national fee and of the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, applicable since 1 January 2021, as follows:

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee (including publication fee and the annual fee for the 1 st and the 2 nd years): ¹	CUP 11,040
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For utility model:

Filing fee (including publication fee and the annual fee for the 1 st and the 2 nd years): ¹	CUP 8,400
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Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:

Fees are reduced by CUP 1,200 where applications are filed both on paper and in electronic form

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¹ The Office may also require payment of the third annual fee at the time of filing, depending on the date of entry into the national phase.

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TZ United Republic of Tanzania

The **Business Registrations and Licensing Agency, Ministry of Industry and Trade (United Republic of Tanzania)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its location, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Location:	New Ushirika Tower, 6 th floor Lumumba Street Dar es Salaam United Republic of Tanzania
Telephone:	(255-22) 218 13 44 (255-22) 218 01 13 (255-22) 218 01 41 (255-22) 221 28 00
E-mail:	ceo@brela.go.tz maoni@brela.go.tz

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

BG Bulgaria

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

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BG Bulgaria

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

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

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

SE Sweden

Agreement between the Swedish Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex D, Part I, thereof. These amendments, which consist of changes to the fee amounts for copies of cited documents and documents contained in the file of the international application, entered into force on 9 November 2020.

The amended Annex D now reads as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Swedish kronor)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change] ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change] ²
Supplementary search fee(s) (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[No change] ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), ³ 71.2(b), ³ 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2):	
– for less than 10 pages	none
– for 10 pages	50
– for each page in excess of 10	2

Part II. [No change]

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

² Swedish kronor equivalent of the euro amount of the search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) payable to the European Patent Office as International Searching Authority, as modified from time to time in accordance with the directives under Rule 16.1(d).

³ The applicant will receive free of charge a copy of each document containing non-patent literature. Other documents are available electronically, free of charge on the website: www.prv.se.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

FR France

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its telephone number for national calls. Its telephone numbers are now as follows:

Telephone:	01 56 65 89 98 (national calls)
	(+33) 1 71 08 71 63 (international calls)

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

LU Luxembourg

The **Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its facsimile number and an additional Internet address, as follows:

Facsimile machine:	(352) 247 94113
Internet:	www.eco.public.lu https://patent.public.lu/

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

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau of an additional e-mail address, to which general enquiries should be addressed. Its e-mail addresses are now as follows:

E-mail:	ipos_enquiry@ipos.gov.sg (for general enquiries)
	pct@ipos.gov.sg (for enquiries on specific PCT applications filed with RO/SG, ISA/SG or IPEA/SG)

Furthermore, the Office notified changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) — with effect since 16 June 2020, the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of telecommunication.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees for copies of various documents, in **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority and applicable since 9 November 2020, as follows:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3(b)):⁴

for less than 10 pages		None
for 10 pages	SEK	50
for each page in excess of 10	SEK	2

Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1 *ter*):

for less than 10 pages		None
for 10 pages	SEK	50
for each page in excess of 10	SEK	2

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

The Office also notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees for copies of various documents, in **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, payable to it in its capacity as Authority specified for international search, since 9 November 2020, as follows:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 45*bis*.7(c)):⁵

for less than 10 pages		None
for 10 pages	SEK	50
for each page in excess of 10	SEK	2

⁴ All documents cited in the international search report are available free of charge from PRV's online service "Cited Documents" at: <https://www.prv.se/en/patents/patent-online-services/>

⁵ All documents cited in the supplementary international search report are available free of charge from PRV's online service "Cited Documents" at: <https://www.prv.se/en/patents/patent-online-services/>

Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1 *ter*):

for less than 10 pages		None
for 10 pages	SEK	50
for each page in excess of 10	SEK	2

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

Finally, the Office notified new amounts of fees for copies of various documents, in **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, since 9 November 2020, as follows:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2(b)):⁶

for less than 10 pages		None
for 10 pages	SEK	50
for each page in excess of 10	SEK	2

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

for less than 10 pages		None
for 10 pages	SEK	50
for each page in excess of 10	SEK	2

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

⁶ All documents cited in the international preliminary examination report are available free of charge from PRV's online service "Cited Documents" at: <https://www.prv.se/en/patents/patent-online-services/>

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

ES Spain

Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex D, Part I, thereof. These amendments, which consist of changes to the amounts of the preliminary examination fee and the additional fee for international preliminary examination, will enter into force on 12 March 2021.

With effect from 12 March 2021, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change] ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change] ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	589.48 ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	589.48 ²
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]

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

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

NG Nigeria

The **Commercial Law Department (Trademarks, Patents and Designs) (Nigeria)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the name of the Office, as well as to its location and mailing address, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses, as follows:

Name of Office:	Patents and Designs Registry, Commercial Law Department (Nigeria)
Location and mailing address:	Registrar Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment Block D, Old Secretariat Area 1 Garki Abuja Nigeria
Telephone:	(234-8) 033 34 88 06 (234-8) 036 77 71 83 (234-7) 031 65 16 52
E-mail:	iponigeria@yahoo.com patentsanddesigns@gmail.com

Furthermore, the Office notified the International Bureau of changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) — the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of telecommunication.

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

WS Samoa

General information on **Samoa** as a PCT Contracting State is now available in Annex B1(WS), which is published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2021, is NZD 2,942.

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

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 12 March 2021, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee ³ (PCT Rule 58):	EUR	589.48
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ^{3, 4}	EUR	589.48

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

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD	2,025
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD	23
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	NZD	305
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	NZD	457

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

³ The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention and which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income". Refer to: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/oepm_fee_reduction.html

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

WS Samoa

The **Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL)** has notified the International Bureau of the amounts of several fees, in **Samoan talas (SAT)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	SAT	200
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	SAT	100
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26 <i>bis</i> .3(d)):	SAT	200

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22. The consolidated list of required contents is now as follows:

- Under PCT Article 22: description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), any text matter of drawings.
- Under PCT Article 39(1): description, claims, any text matter of drawings (if any of those parts has been amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report).

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

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*(a)(i), concerning documents relating to the identity of the inventor.

With effect from 1 April 2021, the consolidated list of special requirements of the Office, under PCT Rule 51*bis* (Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27), will be as follows:

- Name, country and place of residence of the inventor, if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application or in a declaration in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17(i).
- Address, nationality and residence of the applicant if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application.
- Appointment of an agent if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business within the territory of one of the Contracting States of the European Patent Convention.
- Furnishing of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form if it is not otherwise available to the EPO.

For details, refer to *Official Journal EPO, 2021 A3*, available online at:

<https://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2021/01/a3.html>

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

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General information

Name of Office:	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa)
Location:	ACC House, Levels 3 & 4, Apia, Samoa
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 862, Apia, Samoa
Telephone:	(685) 204 41
Facsimile machine:	(685) 204 43
E-mail:	ipros@mcil.gov.ws mpal@mcil.gov.ws
Internet:	www.mcil.gov.ws
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Samoa:	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Samoa is designated (or elected):	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa)
May Samoa be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of a national patent)
Provisions of the law of Samoa concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Samoa is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Samoa is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of three months from the date of receipt of the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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KR Republic of Korea

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex D, Part I, thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 16 May 2021, consist of changes to amounts of the additional fees for international search and international preliminary examination, as well as the introduction of an additional fee in the case of missing parts, or correct elements or parts, included or considered to have been contained in the international application.

With effect from 16 May 2021, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Korean won)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (in English language)	[No change]
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (in Korean language)	[No change]
Additional fee (Rules 40.2(a) and 40 <i>bis</i>) (in English language)	1,200,000
Additional fee (Rules 40.2(a) and 40 <i>bis</i>) (in Korean language)	450,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	450,000
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

MX Mexico

Due to the unavailability of its electronic systems, the **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Monday, 22 February 2021.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on Tuesday, 23 February 2021.

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

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

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

RU Russian Federation

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

Telephone:	(7-499) 240 60 15 (general)
	(7-499) 240 58 88 (application processing)
Facsimile machine:	(7-495) 531 63 18

In addition, the Office notified that it now sends notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications.

Furthermore, the Office notified additional delivery services, other than the postal authorities, from which it would accept evidence of mailing a document in case of loss or delay under PCT Rule 82.1: in addition to DHL and Federal Express, the Office now also accepts evidence of mailing a document from any other service that is recognized worldwide and is available in the Russian Federation.

Finally, the Office notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the provisions of the law of the Russian Federation concerning international-type search – Article 1386(4) of the *Civil Code of the Russian Federation* is no longer valid; consequently, there are now no provisions of the law of the Russian Federation concerning international-type search.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2021, is CHF 1,573.

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

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts, in **Korean won (KRW)**, of the additional search fee (under PCT Rule 40.2(a)), as well as the introduction of an additional search fee (under PCT Rule 40*bis*) in the case of missing parts, or correct elements or parts, included or considered to have been contained in the international application. These fees, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority with effect from 16 May 2021, are as follows:

Additional search fee

(PCT Rules 40.2(a) and 40*bis*):²

for searches carried out in English	KRW	1,200,000
for searches carried out in Korean	KRW	450,000

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

Furthermore, the Office also notified a new amount, in **Korean won (KRW)**, of the additional preliminary examination fee, payable to the Office its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority from 16 May 2021, as follows:

Additional preliminary examination fee

(PCT Rule 68.3(a)):³

KRW 450,000

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

² This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

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

UZ Uzbekistan

The **Intellectual Property Agency under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Uzbek sum (UZS)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office since 1 February 2021, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	UZS	245,000 ⁴
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	UZS	245,000 ⁴

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES, INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES, AUTHORITIES SPECIFIED FOR SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH AND INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and in accordance with Sections 703, 710(b) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search, and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau of the availability of the new web-based filing service of the EPO, Online Filing 2.0, as from 1 April 2021.

Consequently, as from 1 April 2021, the EPO, in its aforementioned capacities, is prepared to accept international applications, as well as other documents and correspondence relating to international applications, in electronic form, according to the following requirements:

FILING VIA EPO ONLINE FILING:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- ASCII (7- and 8-bit) (see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

⁴ Reductions may apply. For further details refer to the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>

- TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

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

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- CD-R filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d) and (e))
- DVD-R or DVD+R filing (see Annex F, section 5)

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

- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1)
- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

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

- EPO Online Filing software

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

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

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

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

The European Patent Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) or if the package submitted does not contain any files, will a notification or confirmation of receipt not be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or missing files are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

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

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

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

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

The European Patent Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20 20
- by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

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

- international application
- subsequently filed documents
- PCT Chapter II demand

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

The European Patent Office will accept the filing of documents in pre-conversion format under Section 706(a) and (f) of the Administrative Instructions. In particular, the files should be archived in ZIP format and contain either plain ASCII text or be created with one of the following word processing programs:

- Microsoft Word 97 and later releases
- Corel WordPerfect 6.1, 8 & 10 and later releases
- Writer of OpenOffice 2.0 and later releases (including the corresponding StarOffice products)

Any objects originating from other programs may be embedded into documents being generated by the word processing programs mentioned above as long as they can be viewed without loss of the information being contained in these objects.

Documents in a format other than those mentioned above may be attached in that format only if the applicant informs the European Patent Office at the time of filing where it can within reason acquire the relevant software.

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

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

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

- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Väestörekisterikeskus (VRK) (www.vaestorekisterikeskus.fi) (FINEID smartcards)
- Fábrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre (FNMT) (www.cert.fnmt.es) (CERES certificates)

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

- European Patent Register

FILING VIA THE EPO WEB-FORM FILING SERVICE:

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

- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

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

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

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

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

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

The European Patent Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20 20
- by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

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

- international application
- subsequently filed documents (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

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

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

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

- European Patent Register

FILING VIA THE EPO CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:

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

- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

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

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

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

The European Patent Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20 20
- by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

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

- international application
- subsequently filed documents (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

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

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

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

- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office
(www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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

- European Patent Register

FILING VIA ePCT-FILING:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- DOCX containing JPEG converted into XML before submission
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

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

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

The European Patent Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) or if the package submitted does not contain any files, will a notification or confirmation of receipt not be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or missing files are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

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

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

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

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

- international application
- subsequently filed documents through ePCT Document upload (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

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

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

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

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

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

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

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

- European Patent Register

FILING VIA ONLINE FILING 2.0 WITH INTEGRATED ePCT-FILING:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1);
- DOCX containing JPEG converted into XML before submission
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

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

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

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

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

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

- EPO Online Filing 2.0

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

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

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

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

The European Patent Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) or if the package submitted does not contain any files, will a notification or confirmation of receipt not be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or missing files are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

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

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

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

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

EPO Online Filing 2.0-related end user support questions, including straightforward ePCT user assistance questions, will be managed and resolved directly by the European Patent Office help desk. The help desk will be available between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20
- by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

The WIPO PCT eServices team will provide second-level support.

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

- international application
- subsequently filed documents
- PCT Chapter II demand

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

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

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

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

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

- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office
(www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

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

- European Patent Register

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AO Angola

The **Angolan Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its location and mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Largo 17 de Setembro Edifício Palácio de Vidro nº 7 4º Andar, Ala Esquerda Caixa Postal 3840 Luanda-Marginal Angola
Telephone:	(244-222) 04 49 91 (244-922) 40 49 36 (mobile)
E-mail:	iapi1992@iapi.gov.ao

In addition, the Office notified changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) — the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and, consequently, no longer accepts the filing of documents by facsimile machine.

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

UZ Uzbekistan

The **Intellectual Property Agency under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its location and mailing address, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	33, Khadra Street Tashkent 100017 Republic of Uzbekistan
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[Updating of Annex B1(UZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 May 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD 1,860
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD 21
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	AUD 280
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	AUD 420
Handling fee:	AUD 280

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

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

BG Bulgaria

In accordance with PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(a)(ii), the **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, which are now as follows:

Designated (or elected) Office	Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13 <i>bis</i> .3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
	the indications prescribed in Rule 13 <i>bis</i> .3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
Bulgaria Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria	At the time of filing, either in the description or separately	At the time of filing, as part of the application	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism

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

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

RU Russian Federation

Agreement between the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex D, Part I, thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 18 May 2021, consist of changes to the amounts of the review fee and the fees for copies of cited documents and documents contained in the file of the international application.

As from 18 May 2021, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Russian roubles)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	
– for an application in English	[No change]
– for an application in Russian	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	
– for an application in English	[No change]
– for an application in Russian	[No change]
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[No change]
Supplementary search for a search in accordance with paragraph 3(3) of Annex B, where a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv)	[No change]
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	4,200
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	
– for an application in English	[No change]
– for an application in Russian	[No change]

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

– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	
– for an application in English	[No change]
– for an application in Russian	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	
– for an application in English	[No change]
– for an application in Russian	[No change]
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	
– for an application in English	[No change]
– for an application in Russian	[No change]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	[No change]
Cost of copies (except for documents transmitted to the applicant along with the international search report or preliminary examination report) (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b))	
– patent document, per page	24
– non-patent document, per page	60
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Part II. [No change]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

US United States of America

Due to inclement weather conditions, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Thursday, 18 February 2021.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on Friday, 19 February 2021.

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

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

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2021, is EUR 1,429.

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

GB United Kingdom

New equivalent amounts in **pounds sterling (GBP)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 May 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee:	GBP	1,028
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	GBP	12
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	GBP	155
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	GBP	232

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

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 May 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK	184,200
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK	2,100
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	ISK	27,700
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	ISK	41,600

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

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees for copies of various documents, in **Russian roubles (RUB)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority and applicable from 18 May 2021, as follows:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3(b)):		
for a patent document, per page	RUB	24
for a non-patent document, per page	RUB	60
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1 <i>ter</i>):		
	RUB	96

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

The Office also notified new amounts of the review fee and the fees for copies of various documents, in **Russian roubles (RUB)**, payable to it in its capacity as Authority specified for international search, from 18 May 2021, as follows:

Review fee (PCT Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c)):	RUB	4,200
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Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 45*bis*.7(c)):

for a patent document, per page	RUB	24
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for a non-patent document, per page	RUB	60
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Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1 <i>ter</i>):	RUB	96
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[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Finally, the Office notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees for copies of various documents, in **Russian roubles (RUB)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, also from 18 May 2021, as follows:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2(b)):

for a patent document, per page	RUB	24
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for a non-patent document, per page	RUB	60
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Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	RUB	96
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[Updating of Annex E(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

WS Samoa

The **Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa)** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authorities, with effect since 23 March 2021, for international applications filed with the MCIL by nationals and residents of Samoa.

Additional information on the requirements of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa) as a receiving Office under the PCT is now available in Annex C(W.S) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which is published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

C **Receiving Offices** **C**
WS **MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND** **WS**
LABOUR (MCIL) (SAMOA)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Samoa
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office or Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office ¹ or Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Samoan tala (SAT) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	SAT 200
International filing fee: ²	USD 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ²	USD 16
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP) or (PH)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	SAT 100
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	SAT 200
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Samoa Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer registered in Samoa
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

¹ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

² This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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**NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES FOR PCT PURPOSES:
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**List of PCT Fee Transfers that are Part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service –
Corrigendum**

PT Portugal

The information published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 November 2020 (pages 255 *et seq.*), concerning PCT fee transfers that were part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service as of 20 November 2020, was incomplete.

As of 20 November 2020, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** was also participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.1 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as follows:

PCT Fee Transfers					
	International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	Search Fee collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	Supplementary Search Fee collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	Handling Fee collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	differences relating to search fees received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
PT National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: NOTIFICATION BY OFFICES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES

Since 1 July 2020, any PCT receiving Office (“RO”), International Searching Authority (“ISA”), Authority specified for supplementary international search (“SISA”), or International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”) may participate, as a “participating Office”, in the exchange of PCT fees from one Office (the “collecting Office”) to another (the “beneficiary Office”) via the International Bureau (“IB”) for PCT purposes (the “WIPO Fee Transfer Service”), pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2 and in accordance with the provisions set out in Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

An Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service as a collecting Office may transfer the following fees and related differences, in accordance with Annex G of the Administrative Instructions:

- **international filing fee** (Rule 15.2(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of the International Bureau;
- **search fee** (Rule 16.1(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority;
- **supplementary search fee** (Rule 45*bis*.3(b)) collected by the International Bureau for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an Authority specified for supplementary search;
- **handling fee** (Rule 57.2(c) or (d)) collected by an International Preliminary Examining Authority for the benefit of the International Bureau; and
- **differences relating to the search fee** (Rule 16.1(e)) received by an Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority in a currency other than its fixed currency.¹

Furthermore, pursuant to Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 3, the transfer of the above fees and differences from the collecting Office to the International Bureau, for the further transfer to the beneficiary Office, is considered to be the transfer of said fees in accordance with the applicable Rule, and is not considered to be a payment by the collecting Office to a third party.

¹ Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

Between 21 November 2020 and 31 March 2021 (inclusive),² the following Offices notified the International Bureau of their participation in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.1 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT:

PCT Fee Transfers					
International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	Search Fee collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	Supplementary Search Fee collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	Handling Fee collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	differences relating to search fees received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency	
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
AZ Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
BY National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
PL Patent Office of the Republic of Poland	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

² A complete list of the PCT fee transfers that were part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service from 1 July 2020 to 20 November 2020 is available in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 November 2020 (pages 255 *et seq.*)

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KH Cambodia

The **Department of Industrial Property of Cambodia (DIPC)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the name of the Office and to its Internet address, as follows:

Name of Office: Department of Industrial Property (DIP)
Ministry of Industry, Science,
Technology and Innovation (MISTI)

Internet: www.misti.gov.kh

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

New equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 June 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CAD	1,782
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CAD	20
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	CAD	268
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	CAD	402
Handling fee:	CAD	268

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, also applicable from 1 June 2021, is CHF 1,218.

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

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2021, is CHF 301.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **pounds sterling (GBP)** and **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2021, are GBP 1,526 and ISK 268,000.

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

KH Cambodia

The **Department of Industrial Property (DIP), Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation (MISTI) (Cambodia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change in the currency for the payment of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), from **US dollars (USD)** to **Cambodian riels (KHR)**, with effect since 26 July 2020.

Furthermore, the Office notified a new amount of the transmittal fee in **Cambodian riels (KHR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 26 July 2020, is KHR 420,000.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2021, are CHF 106 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 498 for searches carried out in English.

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have also been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by Rospatent. These amounts, also applicable from 1 June 2021, are CHF 147 and CHF 235 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

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

SE Sweden

New equivalent amounts in **Swedish kronor (SEK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 June 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SEK	12,280
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SEK	140
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	SEK	1,850
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	SEK	2,770
Handling fee:	SEK	1,850

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

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CY Cyprus

The **Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail: deptcomp@drcor.meci.gov.cy

Internet: www.intellectualproperty.gov.cy

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

LR Liberia

The **Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bureau of Archives, Patents, Trade Marks and Copyright (Liberia)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the name of the Office, as well as to its location and mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers, and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office: Liberia Intellectual Property Office (LIPO)

Location and mailing address: Old Labor Ministry Building, U.N. Drive
Monrovia
Liberia

Telephone: (231) 775 53 35 95

Facsimile machine: (231) 770 32 90 24

E-mail: liberiaindustrialproperty@gmail.com

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

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2021, is NOK 17,880.

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2021, is KRW 714,000.

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

LR Liberia

The **Liberia Intellectual Property Office (LIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee, in **US dollars (USD)**, as well as changes in the amount and the currency, from **Liberian dollars (LRD)** to **US dollars (USD)**, of the fee for priority document.

These fees, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD	50	
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD	5	per page of the certified copy

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

SE Sweden

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** and **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2021, are ISK 268,000 and NOK 17,880.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** and **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2021, are ISK 268,000 and NOK 17,880.

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

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 June 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	20,630
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	230
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	ZAR	3,100
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	ZAR	4,650

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

LR Liberia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(i), the **Liberia Intellectual Property Office (LIPO)**, has notified the International Bureau that, in its capacity as receiving Office, it applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3.

Furthermore, the Office notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it, in its capacity as receiving Office. The following persons may now act as such:

- any attorney certified by the LIPO and registered by the Legal Bar Association;
- any IP agent certified by the LIPO.

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

FURNISHING BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF COPIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT: NOTIFICATION BY ELECTED OFFICES UNDER PCT RULE 94.1(c)

IT Italy

In accordance with PCT Rule 94.1(c), the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as elected Office, has requested the International Bureau to furnish, on behalf of the Office, copies of the international preliminary examination report and related documents under PCT Rule 94.1(b).¹

MX Mexico

In accordance with PCT Rule 94.1(c), the **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property**, in its capacity as elected Office, has requested the International Bureau to furnish, on behalf of the Office, copies of the international preliminary examination report and related documents under PCT Rule 94.1(b).¹

¹ Information concerning which elected Offices have requested the International Bureau to furnish copies of the international preliminary examination reports on their behalf is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/access_iper.html

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

IN India

Agreement between the Indian Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 July 2021, consists of the addition of Japan to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex.

As from 1 July 2021, the amended Annex A will read as follows:

**Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

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

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan.

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

- (ii) [No change]

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

JP Japan

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

The **Japan Patent Office (JPO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 July 2021, consists of the addition of India to the States indicated in items (i) and (ii) of the Annex.

As from 1 July 2021, the amended Annex A will read as follows:

**Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

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

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

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

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

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

For the United States of America, the Authority will act under Article 3(1) provided that (a) the international application is submitted in English; and (b) the Authority has not received more than 8,400 international applications from the United States Patent and Trademark Office during the five-year period from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2023, and not more than 300 applications per quarter during the first and second years, and not more than 500 applications per quarter during the third, fourth, and fifth years. Where the Authority has prepared the international search report, the Authority will also act under Article 3(2) if these conditions are met.

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

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

- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) [No change]
 - (b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam:
English;
 - (c) [No change]
 - (d) for international applications filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office acting for Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam:
Japanese, English.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the fee for priority document, payable in **Mexican pesos (MXN)** to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These new amounts, applicable since 5 February 2021, are as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	MXN 11.46 per page (black and white)
	MXN 14.60 per page (color)

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

DM Dominica

IB International Bureau of WIPO

Pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), the **Intellectual Property Office (Dominica)** has notified the International Bureau that, with effect since 15 April 2021, it has ceased acting as a receiving Office and has delegated these functions to the International Bureau of WIPO.

IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has specified the Japan Patent Office (JPO)—in addition to the Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), European Patent Office (EPO), Indian Patent Office, Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV), and United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)—as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the Indian Patent Office by nationals and residents of India, with effect from 1 July 2021.

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

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office (JPO)** has specified the Indian Patent Office—in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO),³ the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore,³ and the Japan Patent Office (JPO)—as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the Japan Patent Office (JPO) by nationals and residents of Japan, with effect from 1 July 2021.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AO Angola

Information on the requirements of the **Angolan Institute of Industrial Property** as designated (or elected) Office under the PCT is now available in the Summary of the National Chapter (AO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which is published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

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

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 29 January 2015, pages 19 *et seq.*

³ The Office is competent only if the international application is filed in English (PCT Rule 12.3 does not apply).

In particular, as from 1 July 2021, the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, will no longer accept the filing of international applications in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software.

Consequently, as of 1 July 2021, the item concerning electronic filing software specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) will be replaced by the following:

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

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

HU Hungary

The **Government of the Republic of Hungary** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name and details of the National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCAIM), an international depository authority under the *Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure*, with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made.

The name of the University including the National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCAIM) has changed from Szent István University to Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Consequently, since 1 February 2021, the name and details of the authority are as follows:

National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCAIM)
Institute of Food Science and Technology
Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Somlói út 14-16
1118 Budapest
Hungary

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

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Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3): 31 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): 31 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Portuguese
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, as amended only), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee: ²	Currency: Kwanza (AOA) For patent: Filing fee and publication fee up to 15 claims: AOA 27,722 plus for each claim over 15: AOA 792 For utility model: Filing fee and publication fee up to 15 claims: AOA 13,464 plus for each claim over 15: AOA 792
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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

² Must be paid within 21 days from the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

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

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Angola³
An instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney) is required³
Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application^{4, 5}
Statement or notice as to the applicant’s entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent^{4, 5}
Two copies of translation of international application should be furnished
Document evidencing a change of name or person of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306)⁵
Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

Who can act as agent?

Any attorney or lawyer authorized to represent applicants before the national office in Angola

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

Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests

³ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

⁴ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁵ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within two months from the date of the invitation.

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**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES:
NOTIFICATIONS FROM OFFICES CONCERNING EXCEPTIONAL NON-WORKING
DAYS DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

PH Philippines

Due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau that it was closed to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 29 March to 30 April 2021 (inclusive).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on 3 May 2021, or on the next subsequent day on which the Office reopens to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to closures relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively, and to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 April 2020 (page 68).

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

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

For further information on measures adopted by the Office in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to the WIPO COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker, available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/covid19-policy-tracker/>

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KW Kuwait

The **Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Trademarks and Patent Department (Kuwait)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone number and e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (965) 66 62 36 63

E-mail: mansouralnzhan@gmail.com
patent.department@moci.gov.kw
eng_rashid7755@hotmail.com

Furthermore, the Office notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the original of a document must now be furnished within 90 days from the date of the invitation, instead of 14 days.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2021, are USD 302 when filing online and USD 453 when filing on paper.

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

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2021, are JPY 14,400, or JPY 3,600 in the case of filing by an individual.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

DM Dominica

The **Intellectual Property Office (Dominica)** has specified the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and the European Patent Office (EPO) as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with the International Bureau by nationals and residents of Dominica, with effect since 26 April 2021.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the filing of paper documents with the Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office – since 1 April 2021, documents for entry into the national phase filed on paper are received only by mail. For additional information, refer to the Official Ordinance of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), No. 22/21 of 29 March 2021.

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

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NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities, pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b) and in accordance with the procedures set out in the Administrative Instructions under the PCT (Annex F, section 2.5), modifications to the Administrative Instructions, Annex F, Appendix I (XML DTDs for the e-PCT Standard), sections 3 and 5, were promulgated,¹ with effect from 1 July 2021.

These modifications are to Document Type Definitions (DTDs), to allow:

- the possibility of multiple top-up searches (section 5.14, Written opinion components);
- the inclusion of earlier search letters for “PCT Direct” (section 3.1, Package data DTD);
- the author to break the statement into sections (sections 5.7, IB publication, and 5.8, Filing of amendments and statements under Articles 19 and 34.2(b));
- the attachment of standard ST.26 sequence listing files (sections 3.1 Package data, and 5.7, IB publication); and
- the inclusion of additional information regarding the citation and passage (sections 3.3, Application body; 3.9, Table; 5.6, IB bibliographic data; 5.7, IB publication; 5.8, Filing of amendments and statements under Articles 19 and 34.2(b); 5.9, Search report; 5.10, International Preliminary Report on Patentability; and 5.14, Written opinion components).

Due to its highly technical content, the consolidated revised text of Annex F, Appendix I of the Administrative Instructions is not reproduced here, but has been published as document PCT/AI/DTD/15 on the WIPO website at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_dtd_15.pdf

¹ Refer to Circular C. PCT 1621 of 26 April 2021.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone numbers and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(55-21) 3037 37 42 (55-21) 3037 42 44
Internet:	https://www.gov.br/inpi/pt-br faleconosco.inpi.gov.br/faleconosco/

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount, in **South African rand (ZAR)**, has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2021, is ZAR 30,610.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount, in **South African rand (ZAR)**, has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2021, is ZAR 30,610.

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2021, are ZAR 31,120 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 15,560 for a small entity, and ZAR 7,780 for a micro entity.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

KW Kuwait

The **Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Trademarks and Patent Department (Kuwait)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **Kuwaiti dinars (KWD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable since 21 July 2019, are as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee:	KWD	40	filing by an individual
	KWD	80	filing by a company

In addition, the Office notified the conditions for reduction of the filing fee component of the national fee – with effect since 21 July 2019, the filing fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a student.

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

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PH Philippines

Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 1142 S. 2021, the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Thursday, 13 May 2021, in addition to the previously planned closure on Friday, 14 May 2021.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on Monday, 17 May 2021.

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

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

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AG Antigua and Barbuda

The **Antigua and Barbuda Intellectual Property and Commerce Office (ABIPCO)** has notified the International Bureau of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority, in **East Caribbean dollars (XCD)**. The amount of this fee, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office under PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(d), is XCD 800.

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

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

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

Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, or Section 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, are published by the International Bureau at:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

LV Latvia

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Latvian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as both an accessing office and a depositing Office, with effect from 1 July 2021.¹

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

¹ For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11775

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TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has notified the International Bureau that it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on the following days:

- Friday 12 February 2021;
- Monday 12 April 2021; and
- Monday 10 May 2021.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on the next subsequent day on which the Office reopened to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

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

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

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Indian rupees (INR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, as well as a change in the categories of applicants to which the amounts of these fees are applicable.

With effect since 4 November 2020, the applicant category “Small entity, alone or with natural person(s) and/or start-up” is no longer available. Consequently, since this date, the consolidated list of applicant categories established by the Office, and corresponding fee amounts payable under each category, is as follows:

	<i>Natural person(s) or start-up(s) or small entity(ies)</i>	<i>Other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or start-up(s) or small entity(ies)</i>
Transmittal fee:		
– electronic filing:	None	None
– paper filing:	INR 3,500	INR 17,600

Fee for priority document:¹

– online transmission:

up to 30 pages:	INR	1,000	INR	5,000
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– paper transmission:

up to 30 pages:	INR	1,100	INR	5,500
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[Updating of Annex C(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AO Angola

On 14 May 2021, the **Angolan Institute of Industrial Property** notified the International Bureau of a correction concerning the time limits applicable for entry into the national phase, as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 29 April 2021, page 91.

The correct time limit applicable for entry into the national phase, under PCT Articles 22(1) and 39(1)(a), is 30 months from the priority date.

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

IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national filing fee, in **Indian rupees (INR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, as well as a change to the categories of applicants to which the amounts of these components are applicable.

With effect since 4 November 2020, the applicant category “Small entity, alone or with natural person(s) and/or start-up” is no longer available. Consequently, since this date, the consolidated list of applicant categories established by the Office, and corresponding amounts of the components of the filing fee payable under each category, is as follows:

¹ The Indian Patent Office is a Participating Office in the WIPO Digital Access Service (DAS) (refer to *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1(IN)). No fee is required by the Office where, as a depositing Office, it has made a certified copy of the priority document available through DAS.

	<i>Natural person(s) or start-up(s) or small entity(ies)</i>	<i>Other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or start-up(s) or small entity(ies)</i>
Filing fee: ²		
– Up to 30 sheets and 10 claims:		
– electronic filing:	INR 1,600	INR 8,000
– paper filing:	INR 1,750	INR 8,800
– For each additional priority claim, multiple of:		
– electronic filing:	INR 1,600	INR 8,000
– paper filing:	INR 1,750	INR 8,800
– For each additional sheet in addition to 30:		
– electronic filing:	INR 160	INR 800
– paper filing:	INR 180	INR 880
– For each additional claim in addition to 10:		
– electronic filing:	INR 320	INR 1,600
– paper filing:	INR 350	INR 1,750
– For each page of sequence listing of nucleotides and/or amino acid sequences under <i>The Patent Rules, 2003</i> Rule 9(3):		
– electronic filing:	INR 160 ³	INR 800 ⁴
– paper filing:	Not allowed	Not allowed

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

² Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), or at the time of any earlier express request by the applicant to proceed earlier with the national phase.

³ Subject to a maximum of INR 24,000.

⁴ Subject to a maximum of INR 120,000.

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and in accordance with Sections 703, 710(b) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search, and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 18 March 2021, pages 51 *et seq.*

In particular, as from 1 January 2022, the EPO will no longer accept international applications and other documents and correspondence relating to international applications filed using EPO New Online Filing (CMS) (formerly EPO Case Management System).

From 1 January 2022, the means available for filing international applications and other documents and correspondence relating to international applications in electronic form with the EPO will be: EPO Online Filing, EPO Web-Form Filing, ePCT-Filing, and EPO Online Filing 2.0.

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

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CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2021, is USD 1,353.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2021, is JPY 236,100.

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2021, are EUR 526 for searches carried out in Japanese and EUR 1,173 for searches carried out in English.

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

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CL Chile

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** has notified the International Bureau of the deletion of one of its telephone numbers. The remaining available telephone number is as follows:

Telephone: (56-2) 28 87 05 51

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

GR Greece

The **Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (30-210) 618 36 67
(30-210) 618 35 08

In addition, the Office notified that it now sends notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications.

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

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)** has notified the International Bureau that, since 1 January 2021, the Office has discontinued the use of facsimile services.

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

MT Malta

The **Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Department, Ministry for the Economy, Investment and Small Businesses (Malta)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to the name of the Office, as follows:

Name of Office: Industrial Property Registrations
Directorate, Commerce Department,
Ministry for the Economy and Industry
(Malta)

Furthermore, the Office notified that it has discontinued the use of facsimile services.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

GR Greece

The **Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the number of paper copies of the international application required by it – one copy is now required, instead of three.

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

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the number of paper copies of the international application required by it – one copy is now required, instead of three.

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

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SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (966-11) 280 59 76
(966-11) 280 12 21

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

US United States of America

In observance of the Juneteenth National Independence Day, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Friday 18 June 2021.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on Monday 21 June 2021.

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

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

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2021, is USD 328.

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

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

ME Montenegro

International applications may be filed and processed in electronic form or by electronic means in accordance with Part 7 (legal framework) and Annex F (technical standard) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **Ministry of Economy, Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form, with effect from 1 August 2021, as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by telephone at: (382) 20 234 591
- by e-mail at: mladen.koprivica@mek.gov.me

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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CZ Czechia

The **Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its Internet address, which is now as follows:

Internet: www.upv.gov.cz

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

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) — the Office no longer accepts the filing of documents by facsimile machine; however, since 1 January 2021, all types of documents may be transmitted to the Office by e-mail and the original of the document is no longer required.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CL Chile

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** has notified the International Bureau that, as a depositing Office participating in the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS), no fee for a priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) is required by the Office where it has made a certified copy of the priority document available through DAS.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office. With effect since 28 June 2021, the following persons may act as such:

An individual who holds a patent agent licence or a patent agent-in-training licence issued by the College of Patent Agents and Trademark Agents. An applicant may appoint all of the patent agents who work at the same firm to represent them in respect of their application.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its special requirements, under PCT Rule 51*bis*.1(b), concerning representation by an agent.

With effect since 28 June 2021, the consolidated list of special requirements of the Office, under PCT Rule 51*bis* (Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27), is as follows:

- The name and postal address of each inventor.
- A statement that either (i) the applicant(s) is (are) entitled to apply for a patent, or (ii) the applicant is the sole inventor or, if there are joint applicants, the applicants are all inventors and the sole inventors.
- If the Commissioner reasonably doubts that the person who entered the national phase is the applicant of the international application or his/her legal representative, the Commissioner will require evidence to establish ownership rights in the international application. An applicant may provide documentation with the request to enter the national phase establishing how the person who entered the national phase is the applicant of the international application or the legal representative. Such documentation may include: Form PCT/IB/306, a document effecting the transfer of rights, or a change of name document.
- Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not the inventor.
- Evidence of the consent of the appointment of the patent agent is required when the document appointing that agent is submitted by someone other than the patent agent being appointed.

Furthermore, the Office notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. With effect since 28 June 2021, the following persons may act as such:

An individual who holds a patent agent license or a patent agent-in-training license issued by the College of Patent Agents and Trademark Agents. An applicant may appoint all of the patent agents who work at the same firm to represent them in respect of their application.

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

IL Israel

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

Internet: <https://www.gov.il/en/departments/ilpo>

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

UA Ukraine

The **Ministry for Development of Economy, Trade and Agriculture of Ukraine, Department for Development of Intellectual Property** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Name of Office: National Intellectual Property Authority,
State Enterprise "Ukrainian Intellectual
Property Institute (Ukrpatent)"

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2021, is ZAR 23,560.

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

BR Brazil

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2021, are CHF 306 and USD 330 when filing online, and CHF 458 and USD 495 when filing on paper.

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out (in English) by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2021, is SGD 1,906.

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

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning the amounts of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)), in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office.

Since 1 June 2021, the amounts of this fee are USD 534 or USD 276 (in the case of filing by an individual).

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

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2021, is JPY 183,400.

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: CEASING OF DEVELOPMENT, DISTRIBUTION AND SUPPORT FOR THE PCT-SAFE SOFTWARE BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

IB International Bureau of WIPO

As of 30 June 2022, the International Bureau will end its development, distribution and support of the PCT-SAFE software; the final scheduled release will be in April 2022, and no further updates to the software will be provided after that date.

Although the International Bureau specifically recommends against doing so, from 1 July 2022, PCT applicants may continue to prepare and file PCT applications using existing versions of the PCT-SAFE software at receiving Offices which continue to accept them.

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: NOTIFICATION BY OFFICES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES

Since 1 July 2020, any PCT receiving Office (“RO”), International Searching Authority (“ISA”), Authority specified for supplementary international search (“SISA”), or International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”) may participate, as a “participating Office”, in the exchange of PCT fees from one Office (the “collecting Office”) to another (the “beneficiary Office”) via the International Bureau (“IB”) for PCT purposes (the “WIPO Fee Transfer Service”), pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2 and in accordance with the provisions set out in Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

An Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service as a collecting Office may transfer the following fees and related differences, in accordance with Annex G of the Administrative Instructions:

- **international filing fee** (Rule 15.2(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of the International Bureau;
- **search fee** (Rule 16.1(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority;
- **supplementary search fee** (Rule 45*bis*.3(b)) collected by the International Bureau for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an Authority specified for supplementary search;
- **handling fee** (Rule 57.2(c) or (d)) collected by an International Preliminary Examining Authority for the benefit of the International Bureau; and
- **differences relating to the search fee** (Rule 16.1(e)) received by an Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority in a currency other than its fixed currency.¹

Furthermore, pursuant to Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 3, the transfer of the above fees and differences from the collecting Office to the International Bureau, for the further transfer to the beneficiary Office, is considered to be the transfer of said fees in accordance with the applicable Rule, and is not considered to be a payment by the collecting Office to a third party.

Between 1 April 2021 and 30 June 2021 (inclusive),² the following Offices notified the International Bureau of their participation, or of a change in the scope of their participation, in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.1 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT:

¹ Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

² Complete lists of the PCT fee transfers that were part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service from 1 July 2020 to 20 November 2020 and from 21 November 2020 to 31 March 2021 are available in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 November 2020 (pages 256 *et seq.*) and 8 April 2021 (pages 74 *et seq.*), respectively.

PCT Fee Transfers					
International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	Search Fee collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	Supplementary Search Fee collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	Handling Fee collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	differences relating to search fees received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency	
Participating Office³ (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, EP, SE	n/a	n/a	n/a
CU Cuban Industrial Property Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, BR, EP, ES, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
EG Egyptian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, EP, US as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from</i> RO/OM, QA, SA	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives EGP transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/EG</i>

³ Rows relating to participating Offices having an agreement with the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) are identified by light grey shading.

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
IN Indian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, EP, SE, US</i> as Beneficiary ISA: ⁴ <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/JP</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: ⁴ <i>receives INR transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/IN</i>
JP Japan Patent Office (JPO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, IN,⁴ SG</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/KR, MY, PH, SG, US, VN</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives JPY transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/JP</i>
KZ National Institute Of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EP, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
RO State Office For Inventions And Trademarks (Romania)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

⁴ With effect since 1 July 2021.

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2021, are EUR 285 when filing online and EUR 428 when filing on paper.

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

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the transmittal fee, in **Colombian pesos (COP)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These new amounts, applicable since 1 July 2021, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):

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| – electronic filing: | COP 419,640 |
| – paper filing: | COP 503,470 |

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national fee,¹ in **Colombian pesos (COP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable since 1 July 2021, are as follows:

For a patent:	Online	On paper
Filing fee:	COP 84,840	COP 105,160
Annual fee:		
– for the 1 st to the 4 th year, per year:	COP 279,420 (415,580) ²	COP 335,820 (498,390) ²
For a utility model:		
– Filing fee:	COP 75,190	COP 92,460

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

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

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

TR Turkey

The **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the time limit in which a translation of the international application must be furnished to the Office: the translation must be furnished within two months from the date of entry into the national phase.

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of several components of the national fee,³ in **Turkish lira (TRY)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable since 1 January 2021, are as follows:

For patent or utility model:

Filing fee:	TRY	2,015
Fee for certificate of grant:	TRY	400
Renewal fee for third year:	TRY	400
Reinstatement of rights:	TRY	2,610

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

³ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). However, the national fee may still be paid within three months from the date of entry into the national phase, provided that an additional fee is paid with the national fee within that period.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its mailing address, which is now as follows:

Mailing address:	The Commissioner of Patents Canadian Intellectual Property Office Place du Portage I, 50 Victoria Street Room C-114 Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0C9 (Courier J8X 3X1) Canada
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[Updating of Annex B1(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WS Samoa

The **Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa)** has notified the International Bureau of the types of protection available via the PCT, where Samoa is designated (or elected): protection by patent and innovation patent is available; protection by utility model is not available.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2021, are EUR 98 for searches carried out in Russian and EUR 459 for searches carried out in English.

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

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PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau that it was closed to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Tuesday 20 July 2021, in observance of *Eid'l Adha* (Feast of Sacrifice).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on Wednesday 21 July 2021, or on the next subsequent day on which the Office reopened to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

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

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

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

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

ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notifications published in PCT Gazette No. 03/2004, pages 1732 *et seq.*, and in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 October 2010, page 175.

In particular, as from 1 November 2021, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, will no longer accept the filing of international applications in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software.

Consequently, as of 1 November 2021, the item concerning electronic filing software, as specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette), will be replaced by the following:

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

- EPO online filing software

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

FURNISHING BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF COPIES OF DOCUMENTS: NOTIFICATION BY ELECTED OFFICES UNDER PCT RULE 94.1(c)

EP European Patent Organisation

Under amended PCT Rule 94.1(c), which entered into force on 1 July 2020, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as elected Office, has requested the International Bureau to furnish, on behalf of that Office, copies of any document transmitted to it under Rule 71.1(a) or (b) by the International Preliminary Examining Authority, in accordance with the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AM Armenia

The **Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Armenia** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the name of the Office, as well as to its location and mailing address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Armenia
Location and mailing address:	Republic Square, Government House 3 Yerevan 0010 Armenia

In addition, the Office notified a change to the provisions of the national law of Armenia concerning restrictions applicable to the filing of international applications with the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO: the applicable provisions are available under the *Law on Patents*, Article 58.

Furthermore, the Office notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the types of protection available via the PCT, where Armenia is designated or elected: since 1 July 2021, protection by patent and short-term patent is available, and protection by utility model is no longer available.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

AM Armenia

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Armenia**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that, since 1 July 2021, the Office accepts Russian¹, in addition to English, as a language in which international applications and requests, may be filed (PCT Rule 12.1(a) and (c)).

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

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

VN Viet Nam

The **Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning the requirements for representation before the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, as follows:

- an agent is not required if the applicant resides in Viet Nam or has a real and effective industrial or commercial establishment in Viet Nam;
- an agent is required if the applicant is a non-resident or, where there are two or more applicants, the first named applicant on the request form (PCT/RO/101) does not reside in Viet Nam.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AM Armenia

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Armenia** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the claim fee component of the national filing fee, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office: since 1 July 2021, an additional fee is payable for each claim in excess of five, instead of for each independent claim in excess of one.

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

EE Estonia

On 2 August 2021, the **Estonian Patent Office** notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the claim fee component of the national filing fee, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

For a patent:

Claim fee for each claim	
in excess of 10:	EUR 13

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

**RESTORATION OF THE RIGHT OF PRIORITY:
NOTIFICATIONS UNDER PCT RULES 26BIS.3(I) AND 49TER.2(G)**

AM Armenia

Under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g), the **Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Armenia**, in its capacities both as receiving Office and designated Office, has informed the International Bureau that, since 1 July 2021, it applies the “unintentional” criterion instead of the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

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

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KZ Kazakhstan

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

Location and mailing address: Mangilik Yel Avenue 57A
010000 Nur-Sultan
Kazakhstan

In addition, the Office notified that it now sends notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Kazakh tenge (KZT)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is KZT 1,100 in case of filing by a natural person.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

GT Guatemala

IB International Bureau

Pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), the **Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala)** has notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 September 2021, it will cease to act as a receiving Office and delegate its functions as receiving Office to the International Bureau.

[Updating of Annexes B(GT) and C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified changes to components of the national fee, in **Kazakh tenge (KZT)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee:	KZT	20,320.16
Examination fee:	KZT	66,959.20
Annual fee for the first three years of maintenance, per year:	KZT	20,320.16

For a utility model:

Filing fee:	KZT	16,450.56
Annual fee for the first three years of maintenance, per year:	KZT	16,450.56

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

GT Guatemala

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala)** has notified the International Bureau of the discontinuation of its facsimile numbers, as well as of a change to its location and mailing address and the addition of a new telephone number extension, as follows:

Location and mailing address: 7a. Avenida 7-61, zona 4, primer nivel
Guatemala Ciudad 01004
Guatemala

Telephone: (502) 232 470 70 ext. 105 and 109

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2021, is CHF 1,449.

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

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BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

The **Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** has notified the International Bureau of additional information regarding the location and mailing address of its Sarajevo branch office, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Sarajevo: Bulevar Meše Selimovića 95
Lamela C, 3 sprat
71000 Sarajevo
Bosnia and Herzegovina

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

DO Dominican Republic

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail: i.ramirez@onapi.gob.do
r.nunez@onapi.gob.do
l.castillo@onapi.gob.do

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES CONCERNING EXCEPTIONAL NON-WORKING DAYS DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

PH Philippines

Due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** notified the International Bureau that it was closed to the public, for the purposes of the transaction of official business, from 6 to 20 August 2021 (inclusive).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on 23 August 2021.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to closures relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively, and to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 April 2020 (page 68).

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

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

For further information on measures adopted by the Office in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to the *WIPO COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker*, available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/covid19-policy-tracker/>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 November 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD 2,019
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD 23
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	AUD 304
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	AUD 455
Handling fee:	AUD 304

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

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Serbian dinars (RSD)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. These new amounts, applicable since 1 July 2021, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): ¹	RSD 8,210
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¹ This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)): ²	RSD 1,970	for the first document up to 10 pages
plus	RSD 490	for each subsequent document up to 10 pages
plus	[No change]	per page in excess of 10
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)): ²	RSD 3,300	

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of various components of its national fee, in **Serbian dinars (RSD)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable since 1 July 2021, are as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee: ²	RSD 8,210
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10: ²	RSD 800
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee
Examination fee: ²	RSD 8,210
Annual fee for the first three years: ²	RSD 11,510

For petty patent:

Filing fee: ²	RSD 8,210
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee

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

² This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

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

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

In accordance with PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(a)(ii), the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau of changes to its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, which are now as follows:

Designated (or elected) Office	Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13 <i>bis</i> .3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
	the indications prescribed in Rule 13 <i>bis</i> .3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
Eurasian Patent Organization Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)	Where applicant requests publication earlier than 16 months from the priority date, not later than that request	At the time of filing (must be in the description)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KG Kyrgyzstan

The **State Service of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the Office and of an additional telephone number, as follows:

Name of Office:	State Agency of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic
Telephone:	(996-312) 68 08 19 (996-312) 68 10 71

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

On 1 September 2021, the **Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Bosnia and Herzegovina convertible marks (BAM)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. The amount of this fee is now BAM 40.

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

IL Israel

A new equivalent amount in **New Israeli shekels (ILS)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 November 2021, is ILS 704.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

DO Dominican Republic

On 25 August 2021, the **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** notified the International Bureau of changes to the filing fee components of the national fee payable, in **Dominican pesos (DOP)**, to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. The filing fee is now as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:

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| – Up to 30 sheets | DOP 11,500 |
| – For each additional sheet | DOP 75 |

For utility model:

Filing fee:

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| – Up to 30 sheets | DOP 8,050 |
| – For each additional sheet | DOP 75 |

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ME Montenegro

The **Ministry of Economy, Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Name of Office:	Ministry of Economic Development Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro)
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[Updating of Annex B1(ME) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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DJ Djibouti

The **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: dj.epct@odpic.dj

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

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its location and Internet address, which are now as follows:

Location: Al. Niepodległości 188/192
PL-00-950 Warszawa
Poland

Internet: <https://www.uprp.gov.pl>

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

DO Dominican Republic

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*, concerning the furnishing, where applicable, of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings: the Office now requires the furnishing of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing on paper and in electronic form.

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau that it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Thursday 30 September 2021.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on Friday 1 October 2021.

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

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

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: plpctteam@uprp.gov.pl

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2021, are NZD 538 for searches carried out in Korean and NZD 1,435 for searches carried out in English.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

TN Tunisia

Information on the requirements of the **National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia)** as designated (or elected) Office under the PCT is now available in the Summary of the National Chapter (TN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which is published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: NOTIFICATION BY OFFICES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES

Since 1 July 2020, any PCT receiving Office (“RO”), International Searching Authority (“ISA”), Authority specified for supplementary international search (“SISA”), or International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”) may participate, as a “participating Office”, in the exchange of PCT fees from one Office (the “collecting Office”) to another (the “beneficiary Office”) via the International Bureau (“IB”) for PCT purposes (the “WIPO Fee Transfer Service”), pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2 and in accordance with the provisions set out in Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

An Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service as a collecting Office may transfer the following fees and related differences, in accordance with Annex G of the Administrative Instructions:

- **international filing fee** (Rule 15.2(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of the International Bureau;
- **search fee** (Rule 16.1(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority;
- **supplementary search fee** (Rule 45*bis*.3(b)) collected by the International Bureau for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an Authority specified for supplementary search;
- **handling fee** (Rule 57.2(c) or (d)) collected by an International Preliminary Examining Authority for the benefit of the International Bureau; and
- **differences relating to the search fee** (Rule 16.1(e)) received by an Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority in a currency other than its fixed currency.¹

¹ Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

Furthermore, pursuant to Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 3, the transfer of the above fees and differences from the collecting Office to the International Bureau, for the further transfer to the beneficiary Office, is considered to be the transfer of said fees in accordance with the applicable Rule, and is not considered to be a payment by the collecting Office to a third party.

Between 1 July 2021 and 30 September 2021 (inclusive),² the following Offices notified the International Bureau of their participation, or of a change in the scope of their participation, in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.1 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT:

PCT Fee Transfers					
International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	Search Fee collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	Supplementary Search Fee collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	Handling Fee collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	Differences relating to search fees received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency	
Participating Office³ (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
CA Canadian Intellectual Property Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: (n/a) as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB, SA</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in CAD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/CA (BZ)</i>

² Complete lists of the Offices that have notified the International Bureau of their participation, or of a change in the scope of their participation, in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes from 1 July 2020 to 20 November 2020, from 21 November 2020 to 31 March 2021, and from 1 April to 30 June 2021 are available in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 November 2020 (pages 256 *et seq.*), 8 April 2021 (pages 73 *et seq.*), and 8 July 2021 (pages 126 *et seq.*), respectively.

³ Rows relating to participating Offices having an agreement with the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) are identified by light grey shading.

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
<p>CL National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)</p>	Collecting RO	<p>as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, ES, KR, US</i></p> <p>as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/CO, CR, CU, DO, IB, MX, PE, TT</i></p>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	<p>Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in USD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/CL (EC, PA, SV)</i></p>
<p>IR Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)</p>	Collecting RO	Collecting RO <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, IN, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<p>ME Ministry of Economic Development, Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro)</p>	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<p>TT Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)</p>	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, CL, EP, SE, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
UA National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)”	<i>(not yet participating as RO)</i>	as Collecting RO: <i>(not yet participating as RO)</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB</i>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in USD (specified only by non-participating RO/UA)</i>

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

TN

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR
STANDARDIZATION AND INDUSTRIAL
PROPERTY (INNORPI) (TUNISIA)**

TN

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Arabic, English or French
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, as amended only, any text matter of drawings, abstract) Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee:	Currency: Tunisian dinar (TND) Filing fee and first annual fee: ^{1,2} TND 140 Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10, per claim: ^{1,2} TND 30
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>):	Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306) Representation by an agent if the applicant is not resident in Tunisia Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney)
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Tunisia
Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49 <i>ter</i> .2)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests

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

² Fees are subject to value added tax (VAT) of 19%.

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

DJ Djibouti

International applications may be filed and processed in electronic form or by electronic means in accordance with Part 7 (legal framework) and Annex F (technical standard) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form, with effect from 3 January 2022, as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by telephone at: (253) 21 35 60 11
- by e-mail at: dj.epct@odpic.dj

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WS Samoa

International applications may be filed and processed in electronic form or by electronic means in accordance with Part 7 (legal framework) and Annex F (technical standard) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa)** in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form, with effect from 31 January 2022, as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- 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: (685) 204 41
- by e-mail at: ipros@mcil.gov.ws

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

- 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.mcil.gov.ws).

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

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

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

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

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

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GM Gambia

The **Registrar General's Department, Ministry of Justice (Gambia)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the types of national protection available via the PCT, where the Gambia is designated (or elected): in addition to protection by patent, protection by utility model is also available.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

GM Gambia

The **Registrar General's Department, Ministry of Justice (Gambia)** has notified the International Bureau of a national filing fee for utility models, in **Gambian dalasi (GMD)** and **US dollars (USD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. The amount of this fee is GMD 2,500, or USD 200 for applicants who are not residents of the Gambia.

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

LR Liberia

The **Liberia Intellectual Property Office (LIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the amount and in the currency, from **Liberian dollars (LRD)** to **US dollars (USD)**, of the national filing fee. This fee, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, is USD 400.

Furthermore, the Office notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. The following persons may now act as such:

- any attorney certified by LIPO and registered by the Legal Bar Association; or
- any IP agent certified by LIPO.

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

**RESTORATION OF THE RIGHT OF PRIORITY: NOTIFICATIONS UNDER
PCT RULE 49ter.2**

LR Liberia

In accordance with PCT Rule 49ter.2(g), the **Liberia Intellectual Property Office (LIPO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49ter.2.

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

LR Liberia

The **Liberia Intellectual Property Office (LIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the types of national protection available via the PCT, where Liberia is designated (or elected): protection by utility model is now available.

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

PA Panama

The **Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)** has notified the International Bureau of an additional e-mail address. Its e-mail addresses are now as follows:

E-mail:	dgrpi@mici.gob.pa
	epct@mici.gob.pa

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CN China

New equivalent amounts in **Chinese yuan renminbi (CNY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 December 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CNY	9,260
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CNY	100
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	CNY	1,390
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	CNY	2,090
Handling fee:	CNY	1,390

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

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

CA Canada

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

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments, which will take effect on 1 January 2022, consist of changes in the amounts of several fees payable to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

With effect from 1 January 2022, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Canadian dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,628.74
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,628.74
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	814.37
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	814.37
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2) in electronic form	
(a) for the first 7 megabytes, plus	[no change]
(b) for each additional 10 megabytes or part thereof exceeding the first 7 megabytes	[no change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page (paper)	[no change]

Part II. [No change]

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

SG Singapore

Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization² - Amendment to Annex A

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which entered into force on 1 November 2021, consists of the addition of **Saudi Arabia** to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex.

As from 1 November 2021, the amended Annex A reads as follows:

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

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

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

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

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

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

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

(ii) [No change]

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2022, is CAD 305.39.

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

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of fees, in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 January 2022 are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	CAD 1,628.74
Additional search fee ³ (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	CAD 1,628.74

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

In addition, the Office notified new amounts of fees, in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, from 1 January 2022, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	CAD 814.37
Additional Preliminary examination fee ⁴ (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	CAD 814.37

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

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

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore – in addition to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, the Egyptian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) and the Korean Intellectual Property Office – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 November 2021 with SAIP, in its capacity as receiving Office, by nationals and residents of Saudi Arabia.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of certain components of its national fee, in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2022, are as follows:

National fee:

Basic national fee: ⁵	CAD 407.18 (203.59) ⁶
Fee for reinstatement of rights (late entry into the national phase):	CAD 203.59

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

⁵ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

⁶ The amount in parentheses is applicable only if the applicant is entitled to pay certain fees at the "small entity" level. In order to be entitled to pay the reduced fee, a signed "small entity" declaration compliant with subsection 44(3) of the *Canadian Patent Rules* must, within the applicable time limit set out in subsection 154(1)(c)(i), 154(2)(a), 154(3)(a)(iii)(A), 154(3)(b)(i)(A) or 154(3)(b)(ii)(A) of the *Canadian Patent Rules*, be made by the applicant or the agent on the applicant's behalf (the declaration shall preferably follow the form of the declaration set out in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Phase, Annex CA.II).

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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation, pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), with Offices, Authorities, and certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system, modifications to Sections 102(h), 705*bis*, 705*ter*, 709, 713(b) and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as well as the introduction of new Section 5.1*bis* in Annex F, were promulgated¹ with effect from 1 January 2022.

The main purposes of these modifications are:

(i) to provide Offices with more flexibility to design their online filing interfaces in respect of the specification of means of communication with the applicant (Section 102(h));

(ii) to clarify that Section 705*bis* applies to the case of “scanning” while new Section 705*ter* applies to the case of “conversion” (Section 705*bis*);

(iii) to provide a legal basis for permitting international applications to be converted from one electronic format (e.g., PDF) to another electronic format (e.g., XML) and processed on that basis, in order to authorize ROs, the IB and ISAs to convert international applications into XML format and use the resulting XML version as the home copy, record copy, or search copy (Section 705*ter*);

(iv) to provide a legal basis for Offices to transmit notifications or other documents to the applicant by making them available for retrieval by the applicant through a dedicated electronic system; and to enable an Office, if agreed by the IB, to request the latter to transmit documents to the applicant by electronic means on its behalf, and details in this respect would be left to the Office concerned and the IB to discuss if such a request would arise (Section 709);

(v) to provide a legal basis for applying Sections 705*bis*(b) to (e) to notifications, communications, correspondence or other documents relating international applications filed, processed or communicated in electronic form that are capable of applying, but do not expressly apply, under Section 713(b) (Section 713(b));

(vi) to set out the technical requirements for how an Office may transmit documents to the applicant by making them available for online retrieval (Annex F, Section 5.1*ter*); and

(vii) to prepare for the future decommissioning of PCT-SAFE (Section 703(b)(iv) *Editor’s Note*; and Annex F, section 6).

¹ Refer to Circular C. PCT 1631 of 26 October 2021.

The full text of the Administrative Instructions as in force from 1 January 2022 (PCT/AI/22) is available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/

TEXT OF MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS
(as in force from 1 January 2022)

PART 1
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO GENERAL MATTERS

Section 102
Use of the Forms

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

[List of forms omitted]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(ix) the request and the demand when presented as computer print-outs may contain additional or alternative details concerning the means of communication with the applicant.

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

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

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

² *Editor’s Note:* Available from the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/resources

PART 7
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC
FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS

Section 705bis

Processing in Electronic Form of International Applications Filed on Paper

(a) Where an international application is filed on paper, it may, subject to this Part, be scanned into electronic form as a complete and accurate copy (“scanned copy”) and processed on the basis of the scanned copy.

(b) Pursuant to paragraph (a) and for the purposes of Article 12, the receiving Office, the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority may prepare a scanned copy of the international application and keep it as the home copy, the record copy or the search copy, as the case may be.

(c) Where a scanned copy of the international application is kept as the record copy under paragraph (b), the original of the international application as filed on paper shall be kept, for a period of at least 5 years from the international filing date, by the International Bureau or, where so agreed by the receiving Office and the International Bureau, by the receiving Office on behalf of the International Bureau. The original shall be marked with the words “INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION – ORIGINAL AS FILED ON PAPER (SECTION 705bis)” or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application on the bottom of the first page of the request and of the first page of the description.³

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

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

³ *Editor's Note:* In principle, receiving Offices should mark the original at the time of its receipt but they could also mark the original when it is relied upon for the purposes of the correction of the record copy under Section 705bis(d).

Section 705ter

Processing of International Applications Filed in or Scanned into Electronic Form in a Converted Electronic Format

(a) Where an international application is filed in electronic form, or filed on paper and scanned into electronic form under Section 705bis(a), it may, subject to this Part, be converted from the initial or scanned electronic format into another electronic format permitted for this purpose as a complete and accurate copy (“converted copy”) and processed on the basis of the converted copy.

(b) The electronic format into which an international application may be converted for the purpose of paragraph (a) shall be XML format as referred to in section 3.1.1.1 of Annex F.

(c) Pursuant to paragraph (a) and subject to the agreement between the relevant Offices, for the purposes of Article 12, the receiving Office, the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority may prepare a converted copy of the international application and keep it as the home copy, the record copy or the search copy, as the case may be.

(d) Notwithstanding Section 705bis(c), where a converted copy of the international application is kept under paragraph (c) as the home copy, the record copy or the search copy, the copy in the initial or scanned electronic format shall be kept in the file of the international application in accordance with Rule 93.

(e) Section 705bis(d) and (e) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* with respect to corrections of any inconsistencies in the converted copy with the copy in the initial or scanned electronic format kept under paragraph (d).

Section 709

Means of Communication with the Applicant

(a) The receiving Office shall, if it provides for such a service, send any notifications, invitations and other correspondence (“documents”) to the applicant by electronic means in accordance with Annex F, unless the applicant requests to receive them by other means offered by the Office.

(b) Where it appears to the receiving Office that a document sent to the applicant by electronic means was not successfully transmitted, the Office shall promptly resend the document by the same or another means.

(b-bis) Where the receiving Office provides for such a service and the applicant so requests, the receiving Office may, instead of directly transmitting a document to the applicant, make it available for retrieval by the applicant in an electronic system in accordance with the standard set forth in section 5.1ter of Annex F. In this case, the document shall be considered to have been transmitted to the applicant on the day when it was made available for retrieval by the applicant in that electronic system. The receiving Office shall promptly alert the applicant by electronic means whenever a new document has been made available, unless the applicant requests otherwise.

(c) When the electronic systems of the receiving Office are not available for the filing or retrieval of documents in electronic form or by electronic means, the Office shall, if possible, promptly publish information to that effect by reasonably available means.

(d) Where agreed between the receiving Office and the International Bureau, the Office may furnish an electronic copy of a document to the International Bureau for transmission by electronic means to the applicant on its behalf.

Section 713
Application of Provisions to International Authorities and the International Bureau, and to Notifications, Communications, Correspondence and Other Documents⁴

(a) The provisions of this Part, other than Sections 703(c), 704(c) to (g), 707, 708(b)(iii) to (v), 710(a)(iv) and 714(b), shall, if they are capable of applying but do not expressly apply to the International Searching Authorities, the International Preliminary Examining Authorities and the International Bureau, apply *mutatis mutandis* to those Authorities and that Bureau.⁵

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

ANNEX F
STANDARD FOR THE FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS

5. TRANSMISSION

5.1ter Alternative means of secure online transmission by recipient retrieval

Offices offering electronic transmission of documents through online retrieval by a recipient (either the applicant or Office processing the application) should use a secure protocol. Unless the applicant has explicitly requested an alternative arrangement (such as transmission of documents directly by email), transmission should use a connection protected by a modern, secure version of TLS or an alternative protocol of similar security mandated by national law, and a means appropriate to the sensitivity of the documents concerned to ensure that the documents can be retrieved only by authorized persons.

⁴ *Editor's Note:* Provisions of Part 7 and Annex F relating to the form or contents of the international application would automatically, by virtue of Article 27(1), be applicable to designated Offices. Communications between applicants and designated Offices would not, however, be governed in general by Annex F.

⁵ *Editor's Note:* In relation to Sections 703(a) and 710, an Office acting in more than one capacity (receiving Office, International Searching Authority and/or International Preliminary Examining Authority) would give separate notices to the International Bureau, in each capacity, as to its readiness to receive and process international applications in electronic form.

A preferred implementation involves:

(a) the international application being associated with one or more accounts with the Office, secured by two-factor authentication;

(b) notifications being sent to the recipient when a document becomes available, either using email to the recipient or, where so agreed with the recipient, by the recipient regularly accessing a secure list of newly available documents provided through an associated account, either manually through a secure browser connection or automatically through a RESTful secure web service;

(c) the recipient downloading such documents from an associated account, either manually through a secure browser connection or automatically through a RESTful secure web service.

The association between the international application and any applicant account should preferably be set up using information provided by the applicant at the time of filing using compatible online filing software. Offices should also provide secure means for adding, removing or modifying such associations after filing.

6. ELECTRONIC FILING SOFTWARE

The International Bureau provides software⁶ that supports all of the requirements of the basic common standard and certain alternatives available under Annex F. Use of this software is not mandatory but any applicant may choose to use it, in which case the receiving Office must accept the international application concerned (except where it has notified a transitional reservation under Als Section 703(f) in that respect). Any receiving Office may also specify other filing software acceptable to it.

⁶ The current software provided by the International Bureau for this purpose is ePCT. However, for as long as the PCT-SAFE software is still available, any receiving Office may continue to accept PCT-SAFE or both ePCT and PCT-SAFE for this purpose.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

EG Egypt

The **Egyptian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its facsimile number, which is now as follows:

Facsimile machine: (202) 279 21 273

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

SC Seychelles

AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

The Republic of Seychelles has deposited its instrument of accession to the *Protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs within the Framework of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)* (Harare Protocol) and will become bound by that Protocol on 1 January 2022.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 1 January 2022 will include the designation of the Seychelles for an ARIPO patent, as well as for a national patent. Furthermore, from 1 January 2022, nationals and residents of the Seychelles will be able to file international applications with ARIPO as receiving Office, in addition to the Registration Division, Department of Legal Affairs (Seychelles) and the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Updating of Annexes B2(AP), C(AP) and B1(SC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IB International Bureau of WIPO

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2022, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD	108
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD	54

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

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

LT Lithuania

Pursuant to PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 24 January 2013, page 8.

In particular, as from 15 January 2022, the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania, in its capacity as receiving Office, will accept the filing of international applications in electronic form using ePCT-Filing.

Consequently, as of 15 January 2022, the Office is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by telephone at: (370-5) 278 02 50
- by e-mail at: info@vpb.gov.lt

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (<https://vpb.lrv.lt>).

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

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

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

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

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

DJ Djibouti

The **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its Internet address, which is now as follows:

Internet: www.odpic.dj

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following consultations undertaken by the Director General of WIPO in October 2021, in accordance with the Directives adopted by the PCT Assembly¹ and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the **international filing fee** (including the fee per sheet over 30 and fee reductions when an international application is filed in electronic form) and the **handling fee**, respectively, have been established in **various currencies**, with effect from 1 January 2022, as indicated in table 1 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current equivalent amounts in the prescribed currencies, and, in bold print, the proposed new equivalent amounts of those fees corresponding to the amounts in Swiss francs (CHF) set out in the current Schedule of Fees.²

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of **search fees** have been established in **receiving Offices' currencies** for all International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 January 2022, as indicated in table 2 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current equivalent amounts (in receiving Offices' currencies) and, in bold print, any new amounts of the search fees fixed,³ or to be fixed,⁴ by the International Searching Authority and the proposed new equivalent amounts of all search fees, in the currencies other than the currency in which the International Searching Authority has fixed its fees.

¹ The Directives of the PCT Assembly relating to the establishment of equivalent amounts of certain fees are available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/equivalent_amounts.html

² Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/rtax.html>

³ Applicable only to the search fees fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office.

⁴ Applicable only to the search fees to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office (PRV), the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent), and the Nordic Patent Institute.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the **supplementary search fees** have been established in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, also with effect from 1 January 2022, for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, as indicated in table 3 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current amounts of the supplementary search fees (in the currencies in which the Authority has fixed its fees), and, in bold print, any new amounts⁵ of the supplementary search fees fixed by the Authority, as well as the proposed new equivalent amounts of those fees in Swiss francs (CHF), with effect from 1 January 2022.

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

Annexes C(AM), (AP), (AT), (AU), (AZ), (BA), (BG), (BH), (BW), (BY), (BZ), (CA), (CL), (CN), (CR), (CY), (CZ), (DE), (DJ), (DK), (DO), (EA), (EC), (EE), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (FR), (GB), (GE), (GH), (GR), (HN), (HU), (IB), (IE), (IL), (IN), (IS), (IT), (JO), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KH), (KZ), (LR), (LT), (LU), (LV), (MD), (ME), (MT), (MW), (MX), (NI), (NL), (NO), (NZ), (OM), (PA), (PE), (PG), (PH), (PT), (QA), (RO), (RS), (RU), (SA), (SC), (SE), (SG), (SI), (SK), (SV), (SY), (TJ), (TM), (TT), (UA), (UG), (US), (UZ), (WS), (ZA), (ZM) and (ZW),

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CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2022, are CHF 1,197, EUR 1,134 and USD 1,310, respectively.

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

⁵ Applicable only to the supplementary search fees fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office (PRV), the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent), and the Nordic Patent Institute.

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5(i), it is to be noted that, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2022, the International Bureau will not be open to the public for the transaction of official business on the following days:

all Saturdays and Sundays, and
3 January 2022,
15 and 18 April 2022,
26 May 2022,
6 June 2022,
8 September 2022, and
26 and 30 December 2022.

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

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies) (applicable as from January 1, 2022)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 04.10.2021	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees Item 3
				Item 4(a)	Item 4(b)	Item 4(c)	
Reference currency Swiss franc		1,330	15	100	200	300	200 Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar	0.67506	2,019 1,970	23 22	n.a n.a	304 296	455 444	304 296 Current amount New amount
CAD - Canadian dollar	0.73452	1,782 1,811	20 20	n.a n.a	268 272	402 408	268 272 Current amount New amount
CNY - Yuan renminbi	0.14339	9,260 9,280	100 100	n.a n.a	1,390 1,390	2,090 2,090	1,390 1,390 Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone	0.14483	9,170 9,180	100 100	n.a n.a	1,380 1,380	2,070 2,070	1,380 1,380 Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	1.07715	1,233 1,235	14 14	93 93	185 186	278 279	185 186 Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling	1.25978	1,028 1,056	12 12	n.a n.a	155 159	232 238	n.a n.a Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint	0.00303	444,200 438,900	5,000 5,000	n.a n.a	66,800 66,000	100,200 99,000	n.a n.a Current amount New amount
ILS - New Israeli sheqel	0.28759	*** ***	*** ***	n.a n.a	*** ***	*** ***	704 695 Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona	0.00717	184,200 185,500	2,100 2,100	n.a n.a	27,700 27,900	41,600 41,800	n.a n.a Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen	0.00834	153,600 159,500	1,700 1,800	n.a n.a	n.a n.a	34,600 36,000	23,100 24,000 Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.00078	**** ****	**** ****	n.a n.a	n.a n.a	**** ****	253,000 256,000 Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone	0.10797	12,750 12,320	140 140	n.a n.a	1,920 1,850	2,880 2,780	n.a n.a Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	0.64566	2,025 2,060	23 23	n.a n.a	305 310	457 465	n.a n.a Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona	0.10620	12,280 12,520	140 140	n.a n.a	1,850 1,880	2,770 2,820	1,850 1,880 Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.68273	1,977 1,948	22 22	n.a n.a	297 293	446 439	297 293 Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	0.92585	1,453 1,437	16 16	109 108	218 216	328 324	218 216 Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.06216	20,630 21,400	230 240	n.a n.a	3,100 3,220	4,650 4,830	n.a n.a Current amount New amount

* Amounts applicable since November 1, 2021.

** Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2021.

*** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in New Israeli sheqels of the amounts in US dollars indicated above.

**** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Korean 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, 2022)

International Searching Authority	ISA/IAT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR		ISA/CA	
	EUR	Exch. Rate	AUD	Exch. Rate	BRL	Exch. Rate	CAD	Exch. Rate
Reference currency & amount	EUR	1,775	AUD	2,200	BRL	2,525	CAD	1,632
Exchange rates applicable on 4.10.2021								
CHF - Swiss franc	0.92837	1,915	1.48134	1,449 ²	5.81351	458	1.36143	1,218
		1,912		1,485		434		1,197³
USD - US dollar	0.85954	2,091	1.37151	1,604	5.38254	495	1.26048	1,353
		2,065		1,604		469		1,310⁴
EUR - Euro			1.59564	1,429	6.26214	428	1.46647	1,060
				1,379		403		1,134⁵
AUD - Australian dollar								Current amount
								New amount
DKK - Danish krone								Current amount
								New amount
GBP - Pound sterling								Current amount
								New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint								Current amount
								New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona								Current amount
								New amount
JPY - Japanese yen								Current amount
								New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.00072	2,422,000	0.00116	1,829,000				Current amount
		2,465,000		1,897,000				New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone								Current amount
								New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar			0.95645	2,379				Current amount
				2,300				New amount
SEK - Swedish krona								Current amount
								New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.63383	2,846	1.01136	2,150				Current amount
		2,800		2,175				New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.05771	30,610	0.09208	23,560				Current amount
		30,760		23,890				New amount

1. This new amount of the search fee has been fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office with effect from January 1, 2022. (Refer to *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 4 November 2021, page 177).
2. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2021.
3. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the search fee fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office with effect from January 1, 2022.
4. New equivalent amount in US dollars of the search fee fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office with effect from January 1, 2022.
5. New equivalent amount in Euros of the search fee fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office with effect from January 1, 2022.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2022)

International Searching Authority	ISACL			ISACN		ISA/EG		ISA/EP			
	Reference currency & amount	USD	2,000	400	300	CNY	2,100	EGP	4,000	EUR	1,775
Exchange rates applicable on 4.10.2021	Exch. Rate				Exch. Rate			Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate	
CHF - Swiss franc	1,831 1,852	366 370	275 278	301 301	6.97384 6.97384	233 236	16.95879 16.95879	0.92837 0.92837	1,915 1,912	0.92837 0.92837	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar				328 325	6.45687 6.45687	254 255	15.70036 15.70036	2,091 2,065	2,091 2,065	0.85954 0.85954	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	1,697 1,719	339 344	265 258	282 280	7.51203 7.51203	216 219	18.26607 18.26607				Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar											Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone									13,210 13,200	0.13446 0.13446	Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling									1,526 1,518	1.16955 1.16955	Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint									639,500 631,700	0.00281 0.00281	Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona									268,000 266,500	0.00666 0.00666	Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen									236,100 229,300	0.00774 0.00774	Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won											Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone									17,880 17,710	0.10024 0.10024	Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar									2,942 2,961	0.59942 0.59942	Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona									18,610 18,000	0.09859 0.09859	Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar									2,846 2,800	0.63383 0.63383	Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand									30,610 30,760	0.05771 0.05771	Current amount New amount

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2022)

International Searching Authority	ISA/ES		ISA/FI		ISA/IL		ISA/IN			
	EUR	1,775	EUR	1,775	ILS	3,553	INR	10,000		2,500
Reference currency & amount										
<i>Exchange rates applicable on 4.10.2021</i>	<i>Exch. Rate</i>		<i>Exch. Rate</i>		<i>Exch. Rate</i>		<i>Exch. Rate</i>			
CHF - Swiss franc	1,915		1,915	976	976		125	31	Current amount	
	1,912		1,912	1,022	1,022		80,23727	31	New amount	
USD - US dollar	2,091		2,091	1,107	1,107		137	34	Current amount	
	2,065		2,065	1,104	1,104		74,30578	34	New amount	
EUR - Euro				903	903		116	29	Current amount	
				949	949		86,44864	29	New amount	
AUD - Australian dollar									Current amount	
DKK - Danish krone									Current amount	
GBP - Pound sterling									Current amount	
HUF - Hungarian forint									Current amount	
ISK - Icelandic krona									Current amount	
JPY - Japanese yen									Current amount	
							14,400	3,600	Current amount	
							0,66934	14,900	New amount	
KRW - Korean won									Current amount	
NOK - Norwegian krone									Current amount	
NZD - New Zealand dollar									Current amount	
SEK - Swedish krona									Current amount	
SGD - Singapore dollar									Current amount	
ZAR - South African rand									Current amount	
									New amount	

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2022)

International Searching Authority	ISA/JP		ISA/KR		ISA/PH		ISA/RU	
	Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate	Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate	Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate	Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate
Reference currency	JPY 156,000	70,000	KRW 1,200,000	450,000	USD 1,000	400	RUB 40,000	8,500
<i>Exchange rates applicable on 4.10.2021</i>								
CHF - Swiss franc	1,351 1,300	606 583	949 942	356 353	916 926	366 370	498 508	106 108
USD - US dollar	1,476 1,405	662 631	1,036 1,011	389 379	1,08009		543 549	115 117
EUR - Euro	1,173 1,208	526 542	879 869	330 326	849 860	339 344	459 472	98 100
AUD - Australian dollar	129.15468		1,380.96154	541	1.16342		84.74823	
DKK - Danish krone			865.46154	520				
GBP - Pound sterling								
HUF - Hungarian forint								
ISK - Icelandic króna								
JPY - Japanese yen								
KRW - Korean won	0.09353	714,000 748,000						
NOK - Norwegian krone								
NZD - New Zealand dollar			827.76923	538 ⁶ 544				
SEK - Swedish krona								
SGD - Singapore dollar	81.86211	1,906 1,906		1,410 1,371				
ZAR - South African rand								

6. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2021.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2022)

International Searching Authority	ISA/SE ⁷		ISA/SG		ISA/TR ⁸		ISA/UA	
	Reference currency	Amount	Reference currency	Amount	Reference currency	Amount	Reference currency	Amount
Exchange rates applicable on 4.10.2021	SEK	18,610	SGD	2,240	TRY	16,250	EUR	300
	SEK	18,000	Taux de change		TRY	18,250	Taux de change	100
CHF - Swiss franc	1,915	1,507	1,915	1,507	1,915	1,507	324	Current amount
	1,912	1,529	1,912	1,529	1,912	1,529	323	New amount
USD - US dollar	2,091	1,646	2,091	1,646	2,091	1,646	353	Current amount
	2,065	1,652	2,065	1,652	2,065	1,652	349	New amount
EUR - Euro	1,775	1,397	1,775	1,397	1,775	1,397		Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar	1,775	1,420	1,775	1,420	1,775	1,420		New amount
DKK - Danish krone	13,210							Current amount
	13,200							New amount
GBP - Pound sterling								Current amount
HUF - Hungarian forint								New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona	268,000							Current amount
	266,500							New amount
JPY - Japanese yen		183,400		183,400		183,400		Current amount
		183,300		183,300		183,300		New amount
KRW - Korean won		1,906,000		1,906,000		1,906,000		Current amount
		1,965,000		1,965,000		1,965,000		New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone	17,880							Current amount
	17,710							New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar								Current amount
SEK - Swedish krona								New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar								Current amount
ZAR - South African rand								New amount

7. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2022, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

8. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2022, to be fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2022)

International Searching Authority	ISA/US			ISA/XN ⁶		ISA/XV			
	Reference currency & amount	USD	2,180	1,090	545	DKK	13,210	EUR	1,775
Exchange rates applicable on 4.10.2021	Exch. Rate							Exch. Rate	
CHF - Swiss franc		1,996	998	499		1,915		0.92837	1,915
		2,018	1,009	505		1,912			1,912
USD - US dollar						2,091		0.85954	2,091
						2,065			2,065
EUR - Euro		1,850	925	463		1,775			
		1,874	937	468		1,775			
AUD - Australian dollar									
DKK - Danish krone									
GBP - Pound sterling									
HUF - Hungarian forint									
ISK - Icelandic krona									
JPY - Japanese yen						268,000			639,500
						266,500		0.00281	631,700
KRW - Korean won									
NOK - Norwegian krone									
NZD - New Zealand dollar		3,076	1,538	769		17,880			
		3,126	1,563	782		17,710			
SEK - Swedish krona									
SGD - Singapore dollar									
ZAR - South African rand		31,120	15,560	7,780					
		32,470	16,230	8,120					

9. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2022, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2022)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT		ISA/EP		ISA/FI		ISARU	
	Reference currency & Amount	EUR	850 ¹ 1,190 ² 1,700 ³	EUR	1,775	EUR	1,775	Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles ⁴
Exchange rate applicable on 04.10.2021	Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate	
CHF - Swiss franc	0.92837	916 1,282 1,831	0.92837	1,912	0.92837	1,912	78.67416	150 240

1. For a search of the German-language documentation.
2. For a search of the European or North American documentation.
3. For a search of only the PCT minimum documentation.
4. This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
5. This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2022)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/SE		ISA/SG		ISA/TR		ISA/JA		
	Reference currency & Amount	Amount	Reference currency & Amount	Amount	Reference currency & Amount	Amount	Reference currency & Amount	Amount	
Exchange rate applicable on 04.10.2021 CHF - Swiss franc	SEK	18,610	SGD	2,240	TRY	500 ⁶	EUR	60 ⁷	90 ¹⁰
	SEK	18,000 ¹¹	Exch. Rate	1.46471	TRY	18,250 ¹²	Exch. Rate	70 ⁸	97
		1,912 ¹³		1,529		52 ¹⁴	0.92837	65	75
									97

6. For a search of only on the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority.
7. This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
8. For a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation.
9. For a search of only the European and North American documentation.
10. For a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation.
11. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2022.
12. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2022.
13. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2022.
14. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2022.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2022)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISAXN		ISAXV				
Reference currency & Amount	DKK	4,000 ¹⁵	13,210	EUR	550 ¹⁶	1,775	
<i>Exchange rate applicable on 04.10.2021</i> CHF - Swiss franc	DKK	13,200 ¹⁷	1,912 ¹⁸	<i>Exch. Rate</i>	0.92837	592	1,912

15. For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

16. For a search of only the documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak.

17. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2022.

18. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2022.

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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

JM Jamaica

On 10 November 2021, **Jamaica** deposited its instrument of accession to the *Patent Cooperation Treaty* (PCT), and will become bound by the PCT on **10 February 2022**. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 10 February 2022 will automatically include the designation of Jamaica (country code: JM).

Jamaica will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 10 February 2022.

Furthermore, as from 10 February 2022, nationals and residents of Jamaica will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

TZ United Republic of Tanzania

The **Business Registrations and Licensing Agency, Ministry of Industry and Trade (United Republic of Tanzania)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its location, which is now as follows:

Location:	BRELA Office Plot No. 23, Block No. 20 Shaaban Robert/Sokoine Drive Junction Dar Es Salaam The United Republic of Tanzania
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[Updating of Annex B1(TZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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

LT Lithuania – Corrigendum

The information published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 November 2021 (page 190) contained an error concerning the available means for filing international applications in electronic form with the **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania**.

In particular, from 15 January 2022, the Office will continue to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form using EPO Online Filing.

Consequently, as from 15 January 2022, the item concerning electronic filing software, as specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette), is replaced by the following:

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

- ePCT-Filing
- EPO online filing software

TT Trinidad and Tobago

International applications may be filed and processed in electronic form or by electronic means in accordance with Part 7 (legal framework) and Annex F (technical standard) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)** in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form, with effect from **31 January 2022**, as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by telephone at: (1-868) 226 44 76
- by fax at: (1-868) 226 51 60
- by e-mail at: info@ipo.gov.tt

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: COMMON TIMETABLE FOR FEE LISTS AND FEE TRANSFERS

Since 1 July 2020, any PCT receiving Office (“RO”), International Searching Authority (“ISA”), Authority specified for supplementary international search (“SISA”), or International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”) may participate, as a “participating Office”, in the exchange of PCT fees from one Office (the “collecting Office”) to another (the “beneficiary Office”) via the International Bureau (“IB”) for PCT purposes (the “WIPO Fee Transfer Service”), pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2 and in accordance with the provisions set out in Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

Common Timetable for Fee Lists and Fee Transfers

Following consultations with participating Offices, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.2, paragraph 8 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, a common timetable has been established for the year 2022, specifying the latest dates, each month, by which a participating Collecting Office shall establish and transmit fee transfer information to the International Bureau; and by which the lists of fees to be transferred, and the amounts of fees indicated in said lists, shall be established and transmitted to, and from, the International Bureau.

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The common timetable established for the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 is as follows:

Cycle	Calendar month (2022)	PCT Fee Transfer Service Month (Invoice Period)	Fee Transfer Service	Last date for documentation notification to IB (12h00 CET)	Receiving Office payment cut-off value date	PCT Fee Transfer Service Statement Reports	PCT Fee Transfer Service Settlement Date
1	January	Dec. 2021	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 19-Jan-2022	Friday 21-Jan-2022	Tuesday 25-Jan-2022	Friday 28-Jan-2022
2	February	Jan. 2022	PCT/ISA fee	Friday 18-Feb-2022	Monday 21-Feb-2022	Tuesday 22-Feb-2022	Friday 25-Feb-2022
3	March	Feb. 2022	PCT/ISA fee	Friday 18-Mar-2022	Monday 21-Mar-2022	Tuesday 22-Mar-2022	Friday 25-Mar-2022
4	April	Mar. 2022	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 20-Apr-2022	Friday 22-Apr-2022	Monday 25-Apr-2022	Thursday 28-Apr-2022
5	May	Apr. 2022	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 18-May-2022	Friday 20-May-2022	Tuesday 24-May-2022	Friday 27-May-2022
6	June	May 2022	PCT/ISA fee	Friday 17-Jun-2022	Monday 20-Jun-2022	Tuesday 21-Jun-2022	Friday 24-Jun-2022
7	July	June 2022	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 20-Jul-2022	Friday 22-Jul-2022	Monday 25-Jul-2022	Thursday 28-Jul-2022
8	August	July 2022	PCT/ISA fee	Friday 19-Aug-2022	Monday 22-Aug-2022	Tuesday 23-Aug-2022	Friday 26-Aug-2022
9	September	Aug. 2022	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 21-Sep-2022	Friday 23-Sep-2022	Monday 26-Sep-2022	Thursday 29-Sep-2022
10	October	Sept. 2022	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 19-Oct-2022	Friday 21-Oct-2022	Tuesday 25-Oct-2022	Friday 28-Oct-2022
11	November	Oct. 2022	PCT/ISA fee	Friday 18-Nov-2022	Monday 21-Nov-2022	Tuesday 22-Nov-2022	Friday 25-Nov-2022
12	December	Nov. 2022	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 14-Dec-2022	Friday 16-Dec-2022	Tuesday 20-Dec-2022	Friday 23-Dec-2022

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

IL Israel

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

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 March 2022.

With effect from 1 March 2022, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Israel new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,635
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,635
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,558
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,558
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	467
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per document	45

Part II. [No change]

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

US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization² – Amendment to Annex A

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A(i) thereof. This amendment, which entered into force on 1 October 2021, consists of the addition of Saudi Arabia to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. The amended Annex A will read as follows:

**Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

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

So far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

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

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

United States of America, and

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

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

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

- (ii) [no change]

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: ro-th-pct@ipthailand.go.th

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts, in **new Israel shekels (ILS)**, of the transmittal fee and the fee for priority document, applicable from 1 January 2022 and 1 March 2022, respectively, and payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	ILS	567
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Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ILS	90
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[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 March 2022, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	3,635
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Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	3,635
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Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	ILS	467
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Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 94.1 ^{ter}), per document:	ILS	45
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[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office also notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and applicable from 1 March 2022, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	ILS	1,558
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	ILS	1,558
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	ILS	467
Cost of copies (Rules 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document:	ILS	45

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has specified the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) – in addition to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, the Egyptian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the Korean Intellectual Property Office – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 October 2021 with SAIP, in its capacity as receiving Office, by nationals and residents of Saudi Arabia.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, of the national filing fee, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable as from 1 January 2022, is ILS 2,077.³

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

³ A 40% reduction in the fee will be applicable for applications first filed in Israel for an individual applicant or for a corporate entity with a turnover of less than ILS 10 million in the last calendar year.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

In accordance with PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2(a) concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office or organization, the **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of the following period of unavailability of several of its permitted electronic means of communication:

- Online Filing, Online Filing 2.0, Web Form Filing, Online Fee Payment, Mailbox and MyFiles, Espacenet, Open Patent Services (OPS) and The European Patent Register: 29 November 2021, from 03:13 CET (Central European Time) to 08:35 CET.

Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to the unavailability of any of the above-mentioned services during the indicated period may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions, published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 November 2020, page 254.

Information concerning this unavailability has been published on the EPO website at:

<https://www.epo.org/service-support/availability-of-online-services/2021.html>

and on the WIPO website at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/unavailability.html>

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BN Brunei Darussalam

The **Brunei Darussalam Intellectual Property Office (BruIPO)** has notified the international Bureau of changes to its location and mailing address, telephone and Internet address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address: The Law Building
Ground Floor
Jalan Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha
Bandar Seri Begawan, BA 1910
Brunei Darussalam

Telephone: (673) 222 59 19

Internet: <http://www.bruipo.gov.bn/SitePages/Home.aspx>

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

ID Indonesia

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** has notified the International Bureau of an additional component of the national fee, in **Indonesian rupiah (IDR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. The amount, applicable since 3 May 2019, is as follows:

National fee:

Additional filing fee:
for each page of the description
in excess of 30: IDR 15,000

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

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BZ Belize

On 7 December 2021, the **Belize Intellectual Property Office** notified the International Bureau that the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services.

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

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified the International Bureau of the deletion of one of its telephone numbers. The remaining available telephone number is as follows:

Telephone: (40-21) 306 08 00

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

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau that, from 1 January 2022, and for one year on a pilot basis, an e - mail address will be available for submitting general and non time sensitive questions regarding the PCT and the procedures applicable to international applications filed under the PCT and U.S. national phase applications submitted under 35 U.S.C. §371. It should be noted that this e-mail address is not intended for case specific or time sensitive inquiries, which should still be directed by telephone to the PCT Help Desk ((1- 571) 272 43 00). The new e-mail address is as follows:

E-mail: PCTHelp@uspto.gov

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **new lei (RON)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2022, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	RON	495	
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RON	99	plus copying costs

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