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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 2023.

With effect from 1 March 2023, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Israel new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,820
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,820
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,637
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,637
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	491
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per document	47

Part II. [No change]

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2023, is CAD 315.77.

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

CL Chile

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2023, are as follows:

Search fee: EUR 1,894

Reduced search fee for natural persons and legal entities: EUR 379 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States that benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion.)

Reduced search fee for universities: EUR 284 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee.)

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

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for priority document, in **new Israel shekels (ILS)**, applicable from 1 March 2023 and payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ILS	94
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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 2023, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	3,820
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	3,820
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ter .1(c)):	ILS	491
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 94.1 ter), per document:	ILS	47

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

In addition, the Office also notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and applicable from 1 March 2023, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	ILS	1,637
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	ILS	1,637
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ter .2):	ILS	491
Cost of copies (Rules 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document:	ILS	47

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

PH Philippines

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2023, are EUR 947 or EUR 379 (the latter applies where the applicant is a small entity).²

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

UA Ukraine

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)”**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2023, are USD 106 for searches carried out in Ukrainian or Russian, and USD 317 for searches carried out in English, French or German.

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

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees for small and micro entities only, in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 29 December 2022, are as follows:

		<i>Small entity</i>	<i>Micro entity</i>
Transmittal fee ³ (PCT Rule 14):	USD	104	52
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	USD	840	420

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

² A small entity refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

³ In addition, there is a non-electronic filing fee applicable to international applications filed other than by the Office electronic filing system (EFS) of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small or micro entities, USD 200.

Furthermore, the Office notified changes to several components of the national fee for small and micro entities only, in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes have been applicable since 29 December 2022. The list of the said components is as follows:

		<i>Small entity</i>	<i>Micro entity</i>
Basic national fee: ⁴	USD	128	64
Search fee: ⁵			
– IPRP prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4):		[No change]	
– International search fee paid to the USPTO as ISA:	USD	56	28
– Search report has been prepared by an ISA other than the US and is provided or has been previously communicated by the IB to the USPTO:	USD	216	108
– All other situations:	USD	280	140
Examination fee: ⁵			
– IPRP prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4):		[No change]	
– All other situations:	USD	320	160

⁴ The basic national fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

⁵ If not paid with the basic national fee, the USPTO will invite the applicant to pay the fee within a time period fixed in the invitation.

		<i>Small entity</i>	<i>Micro entity</i>
For every 50 sheets or fraction thereof of the specification and drawings that exceeds 100 sheets (excluding any sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium): ⁶	USD	168	84
Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of three: ⁶	USD	192	96
Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20: ⁶	USD	40	20
In addition, if the application contains one or more multiple dependent claims, per application: ⁶	USD	344	172
Surcharge for paying any of the search fee, the examination fee, or filing the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage: ⁶	USD	64	32
Processing fee for filing English-language translation after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1): ⁶	USD	56	28
Mega-Sequence Listing filing fee:			
– submission of sequence listing of 300 MB to 800 MB:	USD	424	212
– submission of sequence listing of more than 800 MB:	USD	4,200	2,100

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

⁶ If not paid with the basic national fee, the USPTO will invite the applicant to pay the fee within a time period fixed in the invitation.

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

OA African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)

The **African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 February 2023, as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)). The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

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

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

- Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by telephone at: (+237-2) 220 39 11, (+237-2) 220 57 00
- by e-mail at: oapi@oapi.int

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- WIPO customer CA (<https://www.wipo.int/pct-eservices/en/certificates.html>)

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

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

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

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: FEE TRANSFERS THAT WERE PART OF THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES, AND COMMON TIMETABLE FOR FEE LISTS AND FEE TRANSFERS

Pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2, an Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service (a “participating Office”)⁷ as a “collecting Office” may transfer the following fees and related differences to another Office (the “beneficiary Office”) via the International Bureau, for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT:

- **international filing fee** (Rule 15.2(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office (“RO”) for the benefit of the International Bureau (“IB”);
- **search fee** (Rule 16.1(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority (“ISA”);
- **supplementary search fee** (Rule 45*bis*.3(b)) collected by the International Bureau for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an Authority specified for supplementary search (“SISA”);
- **handling fee** (Rule 57.2(c) or (d)) collected by an International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”) for the benefit of the International Bureau; and
- **differences relating to the search fee** (Rule 16.1(e)) received by an Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority in a currency other than its fixed currency.⁸

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

⁷ A participating Office may refer to any PCT receiving Office (“RO”), International Searching Authority (“ISA”), Authority specified for supplementary international search (“SISA”), or International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”).

⁸ Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

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

In accordance with Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 7 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the list of the PCT fee transfers that were part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for each participating Office⁹ as of **31 December 2022** (inclusive), is as follows:

PCT Fee Transfers					
International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	Search Fee collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	Supplementary Search Fee collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	Handling Fee collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	Differences relating to search fees received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency	
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, EP, SE	n/a	n/a	n/a
AT Austrian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from</i> RO/AP, BR, CO, CU, DZ, EG, GE, IB, IN, JO, KE, KR, MA, MX, OA, OM, PE, SG, SY, TT, UG, VN, ZA	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in EUR, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/AT</i> (BH, DJ, GH, KP, LR, LS, LY, ZM, ZW)

⁹ Rows relating to participating Offices having an agreement with the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the *Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)* are identified by light grey shading.

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PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	Search Fee collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	Supplementary Search Fee collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	Handling Fee collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	Differences relating to search fees received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
AU Australian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/KR</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB, ID, IN, JO, KE, KR, MY, NZ, OM, SG, US, VN, ZA</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in AUD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/AU (BN, GH, IQ, LR, PG, TH, ZW)</i>
AZ Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EA, EP, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
BG Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
BR National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EP, SE, US</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/CO, CU, IB, PA, PE</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in CHF, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/BR (CV)</i>

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
BY National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EA, EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
CA Canadian Intellectual Property Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: (n/a) as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from</i> RO/IB, SA	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</i> ISA/CA (BZ, IQ)
CH Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
CL National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP, ES, KR, US as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from</i> RO/CO, CR, CU, DO, EC, IB, MX. PA, PE, TT	n/a	Collecting IPEA	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</i> ISA/CL (SV)

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
CN China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)	Collecting RO	as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB, IN, IR, KE</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in CNY, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/CN (GH, KH, KP, LR, TH, ZW)</i>
CO Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, BR, CL, EP, ES, KR, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
CR Registry of Intellectual Property (Costa Rica)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/CL, EP, ES</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
CU Cuban Industrial Property Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, BR, CL EP, ES, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
CZ Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
DE German Patent and Trade Mark Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
DK Danish Patent and Trademark Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, SE, XN</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
DO National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/CL, EP, ES, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
DZ Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
EA Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, RU</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/AZ, BY, IB, RU</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in RUB, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/EA (AM, KG, TJ)</i>

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

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

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
FI Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, SE</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB</i>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: n/a <i>(specified only by participant RO/FI)</i>
FR National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
GB Intellectual Property Office ¹⁰ (United Kingdom)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
GE National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)	<i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i>	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EP, IL, RU, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
GR Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
HR State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

¹⁰ "Intellectual Property Office" is an operating name of the Patent Office.

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
HU Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
IB International Bureau of WIPO (as Receiving Office)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for all participating ISAs, from applicants filing through RO/IB</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
ID Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AU, EP, JP, KR, RU, SG</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
IE Intellectual Property Office of Ireland	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
IL Israel Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, US</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/GE, IB, US</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in USD</i>

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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, CN, EP, JP, SE, US</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB, IR, JP</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in INR</i>
IR Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO <i>collecting search fees for ISA/CN, EP, IN, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
IS Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, SE, XN</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
IT Italian Patent and Trademark Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
JO Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)	<i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i>	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, EP, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
JP Japan Patent Office (JPO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, IN, SG</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB, ID, IN, KR, MY, PH, SA, SG, US, VN</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in JPY, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/JP (BN, KH, TH)</i>
KE Kenya Industrial Property Institute	<i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i>	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, CN, EP, SE</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
KR Korean Intellectual Property Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collects search fees for ISA/AT, AU, JP, SG</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/AU, CL, CO, IB, ID, MX, MY, NZ, PE, PH, SA, SG, US, VN</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in KRW, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/KR (BN, CV, KH, MN, TH)</i>
KZ National Institute Of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
LV Latvian Patent Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collects search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
MA Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EP, RU, SE</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
MD State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
MX Mexican Institute of Industrial Property	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, CL, EP, ES, KR, SE, SG, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
MY Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AU, EP, JP, KR	n/a	n/a	n/a
NI Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP, ES	n/a	n/a	n/a
NL Netherlands Patent Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
NO Norwegian Industrial Property Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP, SE, XN	n/a	n/a	n/a
NZ Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AU, EP, KR, US	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
OA African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, EP, RU, SE	n/a	n/a	n/a
OM Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, AU, EG, EP, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
PA Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/BR, CL, EP, ES, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
PE National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, BR, CL, EP, ES, KR, US	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
PH Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AU, EP, JP, KR, US</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: n/a <i>(specified only by participant RO/PH)</i>
PL Patent Office of the Republic of Poland	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
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
QA Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EG, EP, US</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
RS Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
<p>RU Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)</p>	Collecting RO	<p>as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EA, EP</i></p> <p>as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/AZ, BG, BY, CO, CU, EA, GE, IB, ID, IR, KZ, MA, MD, OA, RO, SA, SY, VN</i></p>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	<p>Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in RUB, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/RU (AM, KG, KP, MN, TJ, TM, UZ, ZW)</i></p>
<p>SA Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)</p>	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/CA, EG, EP, JP, KR, RU, SG, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<p>SD Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department (Sudan)</p>	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EG, EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
<p>SY Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection, Directorate of Industrial and Commercial Property Protection (Syrian Arab Republic)</p>	<p><i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i></p>	<p>as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EG, EP, RU</i></p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p>TN National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia)</p>	<p>Collecting RO</p>	<p>Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i></p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p>TR Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)</p>	<p>Collecting RO</p>	<p>as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i></p> <p>as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB</i></p>	<p>Beneficiary SISA</p>	<p>Collecting IPEA</p>	<p>Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in TRY, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/TR (IQ)</i></p>

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
TT Intellectual Property Office, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, CL, EP, SE, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
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> 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>
UG Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EP, SG</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
US United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AU, EP, IL, JP, KR, SG</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/BR, CL, DO, EG, GE, IB, IL, IN, JO, MX, NZ, OM, PA, PE, PH, QA, SA, TT, ZA</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	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/US (BH, KN, TH)</i>
VN Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam)	<i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i>	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, EP, JP, KR, SG, SE, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
XN Nordic Patent Institute	n/a	as Collecting RO: (n/a) as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/DK, IB, IS, NO, SE</i>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in DKK</i>
ZA Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, EP, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Korean won (KRW)** and **New Zealand dollars (NZD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2023, are KRW 1,864,000 and NZD 2,340.

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

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2023, is EUR 283.

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

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** and **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2023, are EUR 28 and JPY 4,000 in the case of filing by an individual, and EUR 114 and JPY 16,000 in other cases.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Australian dollars (AUD)** and **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2023, are AUD 531 and SGD 484 for international applications filed in Korean or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and AUD 1,416 and SGD 1,290 for international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

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

NZ New Zealand

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD 2,249
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD 25
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	NZD 338
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	NZD 507

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

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2023, is KRW 2,074,000.

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

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CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2023, is EUR 1,175.

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

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2023, are EUR 118 and USD 124, respectively, for searches carried out in Russian; and EUR 525 and USD 551, respectively, for searches carried out in English.

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

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2023, is ISK 271,000.

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

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2023, are CHF 1,010, EUR 1,024 and USD 1,075, respectively.

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2023, are USD 1,080 for international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and USD 1,277 for international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **euros (EUR)**, and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2023, are EUR 112 and USD 117 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 525 and USD 551 for searches carried out in English.

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

SE Sweden

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2023, is ISK 271,000.

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

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2023, is USD 1,664.

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	USD 1,435
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD 16
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request not being in character-coded format):	USD 108
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	USD 216
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	USD 324

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2023, are EUR 2,064 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, EUR 1,032 for a small entity, and EUR 516 for a micro entity.

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

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 March 2023, is USD 216.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2023, is ISK 271,000.

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

ASSIGNMENT OF INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATION NUMBERS UNDER SECTION 404 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTICE ISSUED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Due to a technical error in the publication software used by the International Bureau, the international publication numbers assigned to PCT applications published on 5 January 2023, 12 January 2023 and 19 January 2023 were as follows:

- Gazette 01/2023 – WO 2023/272317 to WO 2023/279123
- Gazette 02/2023 – WO 2023/279124 to WO 2023/283659
- Gazette 03/2023 – WO 2023/283660 to WO 2023/288343

The International Bureau hereby notifies that the assignment of international publication numbers starting from WO 2023/000001 will resume on 26 January 2023.

The range of international publication numbers referred to above, if reached, will not be re-assigned.

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CN China

The **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – from 1 March 2023, the Office will discontinue the use of its facsimile services and will no longer accept the filing of international applications and related documents or correspondence transmitted by facsimile.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CL Chile

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2023, are as follows:

Search fee: CHF 1,853

Reduced search fee for natural persons and legal entities: CHF 371 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States that benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion.)

Reduced search fee for universities: CHF 278 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee.)

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

IB International Bureau of WIPO

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)** have been established, with effect from 1 March 2023, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD	108
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD	54
	Supplement for airmail: USD 11	

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

PH Philippines

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2023, are CHF 927 and CHF 371 (the latter applies where the applicant is a small entity).¹

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CZ Czechia

The **Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* (Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27) – with effect since 1 January 2023, the Office requires two copies of the translation of the international application and the drawings for a patent, instead of three.

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

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

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

ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and in accordance with Sections 703, 710(a) and (b) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau of several changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 03/2004, pages 1732 *et seq.* (as modified by the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 October 2010 (page 175), 12 August 2021 (page 136) and 18 August 2022 (page 227)).

Consequently, with effect since 13 December 2022, the following notification replaces the notifications published in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette):

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims see Annex, section 3.1.3.1)

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

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

As to electronic document packaging:

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

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

- Front Office (OEPMS*ei*)

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

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

The OEPM will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1), or if the package submitted does not contain any files, will a notification or confirmation of receipt not be generated.

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

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

Online payment is not currently available.

As to details concerning helpdesks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Front Office-related end user support questions, including straightforward ePCT user-assistance questions, will be managed and resolved directly by the OEPM help desk. The help desk may be contacted:

– by e-mail at: Soportefuncional@oepm.es

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

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

– international applications

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

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

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

The OEPM will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its Web site.

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

The OEPM accepts the following certification authorities:

– <https://sedeaplicaciones.minetur.gob.es/Prestadores/Inicio.aspx>

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

Stored files can be accessed through OEPM online file-consultation services, available at: https://www.oepm.es/es/Bases_de_Datos_Expedientes.html

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

**INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTINGS:
NOTIFICATIONS BY INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES OF
APPLICABLE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS**

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has notified the International Bureau of an additional physical medium accepted for the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings in electronic form (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1) – in addition to diskette and CD-R, the Authority also accepts DVD-R format.

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

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

SG Singapore

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

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which entered into force on 1 February 2023, consists of the addition of **Trinidad and Tobago** to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex.

As from 1 February 2023, the amended Annex A reads as follows:

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

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

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

Singapore, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United States of America, Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

Singapore, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United States of America, Viet Nam.

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

(ii) [No change]

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

US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization² – Amendment to Annex D

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments, which will take effect on 1 April 2023, consist of changes in the fee reductions applicable in the case of filing by a small or micro entity, for fees payable to the USPTO in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

With effect from 1 April 2023, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (United States dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,180 ³
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,180 ³
Preparation of an international-type search report on a United States national application	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– where the international search fee has been paid on the international application to the Authority	640 ³
– where the international search was carried out by another Authority	800 ³
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	640 ³
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13ter.1(c) and 13ter.2))	320 ³

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

³ This fee is reduced by 60% in the case of filing by a “small entity” and by 80% in the case of filing by a “micro entity”. For further details on the entitlement to and the establishment of “small entity” status, see www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/s509.html#d0e30961 and 37 CFR 1.27 at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf

For further details on the entitlement to and the establishment of “micro entity” status, see www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/s509.html#ch500_d1ff69_210b3_1ca and 37 CFR 1.29 at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf

These details shall be subject to change by the Authority at its discretion.

Cost of copies (Rules 44.3 and 71.2)⁴

– US patent, per copy [No change]

Cost of copies (Rules 94.1*ter* and 94.2)

– US patent, per copy [No change]

– non-US patent document, per copy [No change]

Part II. [No change]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

GT Guatemala

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala)** has notified the International Bureau of the deletion of one of its telephone numbers, as well as changes to its e-mail address. The remaining available telephone number, and new e-mail addresses, are as follows:

Telephone: (520) 232 470 70 ext. 105

E-mail: rvaldes@rpi.gob.gt
mmoreira@rpi.gob.gt
ccastaneda@rpi.gob.gt

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

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US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees for small and micro entities, payable in **US dollars (USD)** to the USPTO in its capacity as International Searching Authority, from 1 April 2023, as follows:

⁴ The applicant receives, together with the international search report, a copy of each cited document that is not a US patent document or a published international application. The applicant receives, together with the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each cited document not cited in the international search report that is not a US patent document or a published international application. Electronic copies of these documents may be viewed at the USPTO's website (www.uspto.gov/patents-application-process/search-patents) and printed for free. Copies can also be purchased online or obtained from the USPTO Office of Public Records.

		<i>Small entity</i>	<i>Micro entity</i>
Search fee ⁵ (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	USD	872	436
Additional search fee ⁵ (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	USD	872	436
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ter .1(c)):	USD	128	64

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

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of fees for small and micro entities, in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority and also applicable from 1 April 2023, as follows:

		<i>Small entity</i>	<i>Micro entity</i>
Preliminary examination fee ^{5,6} (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	USD (USD)	256 320	128 160
Additional preliminary examination fee ⁷ (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	USD	256	128
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ter .2):	USD	128	64

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

TT Trinidad and Tobago

The **Intellectual Property Office, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore – in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 February 2023 with the Intellectual Property Office, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago) or the International Bureau of WIPO, in their capacities as receiving Offices, by nationals and residents of Trinidad and Tobago.

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

⁵ The amounts of these fees change periodically. The United States Patent and Trademark Office or the current USPTO Fee Schedule at: www.uspto.gov/about/offices/cfo/finance/fees.jsp should be consulted for the applicable amounts.

⁶ The amounts in parentheses are payable when the international search was not carried out by the USPTO.

⁷ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

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BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – since 1 January 2023, the original of a document must be furnished within 14 days of the date of its transmission, instead of one month.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2023, is KRW 2,367,000.

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

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2023, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	BYN	90.65
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	BYN	185

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

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Hungarian forints (HUF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2023, is HUF 690,700.

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

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2023, are CHF 113 or CHF 28 in the case of filing by an individual.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the handling fee. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2023, is KRW 267,000.

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2023, are CHF 2,020 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, CHF 1,010 for a small entity, and CHF 505 for a micro entity.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a), and since 1 January 2023, the Office accepts only English as the language in which international applications may be filed.

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

TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has notified a change concerning the number of copies of an international application required by it if the application is filed on paper – one copy must now be filed instead of two.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the components of the national fee,^{1, 2} in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2023, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:	BYN	90.65
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	38.85
Examination fee:	BYN	440.30
Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	259
Annual fee for the third year:	BYN	90.65

For utility model:

Filing fee:	BYN	181.30
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	90.65

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

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

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

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2023, is USD 1,523.

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

DJ Djibouti

The **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of the discontinuation of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) and the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)), with effect since 5 February 2023.

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

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2023, are CHF 120 for searches carried out in Russian and CHF 532 for searches carried out in English.

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

EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2023, are CHF 121, EUR 121 and USD 132, respectively.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2023, are CHF 338 and EUR 336 for international applications filed in Korean or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and CHF 900 and EUR 897 for international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2023, are CHF 113 for searches carried out in Russian and CHF 532 for searches carried out in English.

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have also been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2023, are CHF 157 and CHF 251 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

DJ Djibouti

The **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the national fee,¹ in **Djibouti francs (DJF)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 5 February 2023, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:	DJF	172,500
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For certificate of addition:

Filing fee:	DJF	172,500
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The Office also notified that national fees are payable only in **Djibouti francs (DJF)**; the payment of national fees in US dollars (USD) is no longer possible.

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

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

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

ES Spain

The information published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 January 2023 (page 12 *et seq.*), concerning PCT fee transfers that were part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service as of 31 December 2022, included an error in the indication of the currency of transfers for the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**. As a Beneficiary ISA, the Office receives transfers through the service in **euros (EUR)**, not in Egyptian pounds (EGP).

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

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

PH Philippines

Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments, which will take effect on 7 April 2023, consist of changes in the amounts, and in the reductions, of fees payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

With effect from 7 April 2023, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (USD)	
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	600	(200) ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	600	(300) ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	300	(150) ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	400	(200) ²
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	400	(200) ²
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 ^{ter} .1(c) and 13 ^{ter} .2)	200	(100) ²
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 ^{ter} and 94.2), per document	20	(10) ²

Part II. [No change]

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

² The fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a small entity, which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than One Hundred Million Pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CR Costa Rica

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

E-mail: vcohen@rnp.go.cr
jlizano@rnp.go.cr
hmarin@rnp.go.cr

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

GT Guatemala – Corrigendum

The information concerning the deletion of one of the telephone numbers for the **Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala)**, published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 9 February 2023 (page 50) introduced an error in the remaining telephone number. The international dialling code for Guatemala is 502 and not 520. The correct telephone number is as follows:

Telephone: (502) 232 470 70 ext. 105

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IQ Iraq

The **Iraqi Patent Office (IQPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for priority document, in **Iraqi dinars (IQD)** and **US dollars (USD)**, applicable since 1 January 2023 and payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	IQD	27,500	
	or USD	21	
	plus IQD	100	per page or sheet
	or USD	0.08	per page or sheet

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

PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority, from 7 April 2023, as follows:

			<i>Small entity</i> ³
Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	USD	600	200
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	USD	600	300
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e))	USD	400	200
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.1(c)):	USD	200	100
Cost of copies (PCT Rules 44.3(b) and 94.1ter), per document	USD	20	10

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

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, and also applicable from 7 April 2023, as follows:

			<i>Small entity</i> ³
Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	USD	300	150
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	USD	400	200
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e))	USD	400	200
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.2):	USD	200	100
Cost of copies (PCT Rules 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document	USD	20	10

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

³ Fees are reduced where the applicant is a small entity, which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than One Hundred Million Pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Agreement between the European Patent Office (EPO) and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau, pursuant to Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 1 April 2023, consist of changes in the amounts of several fees payable to the EPO in its capacity as International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search, and International Preliminary Examining Authority.

As from 1 April 2023, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

Annex D Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change] ²
Additional fee (Rules 40.2(a) and 40 <i>bis</i> ³)	[No change] ²
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[No change] ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,840 ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,840 ²
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	980
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	980
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	255

Part II. [No change]

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

² This fee is reduced by 75% under certain conditions (see decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 12 December 2019 (OJ EPO 2020, A4). See Part II, paragraph (4) for further details.

³ This fee is applied in conjunction with PCT Rule 20.5*bis* (see decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 27 March 2020 (OJ EPO 2020, A36)).

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Searching Authority and Authority specified for supplementary international search, and applicable from 1 April 2023, as follows:

Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	EUR	980
Review fee (PCT Rule 45bis.6(c)):	EUR	980
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.1(c))	EUR	255

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

In addition, the Office notified new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2023, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	EUR	1,840
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	EUR	1,840
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	EUR	980
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.2):	EUR	255

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

HU Hungary

New equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forints (HUF)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	HUF	518,700
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	HUF	5,900
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	HUF	78,000
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	HUF	117,000

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)**, **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**, have been established for the search fee for international searches, carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, concerning small and micro entities. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2023, are CHF 808, EUR 826, NZD 1,360 and ZAR 15,680, respectively, for a small entity; and CHF 404, EUR 413, NZD 680 and ZAR 7,840, respectively, for a micro entity.

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

RESTORATION OF THE RIGHT OF PRIORITY: NOTIFICATIONS UNDER PCT RULES 26bis.3(i) AND 49ter.2(g)

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office and designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that, as from 1 April 2023, it will apply the “unintentional” criterion – instead of the “due care” criterion – to requests for restoration of the right of priority, for any international application in respect of which the priority period expires on or after that date.

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

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2023, is ZAR 34,300.

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

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2023, is ZAR 34,300.

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

HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees following a change in the currency for fee payments to the Office, from **Croatian kuna (HRK)** to **euros (EUR)**, with effect since 1 January 2023.

Since that date, the consolidated list of fees payable to the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, is as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR 26.54
International filing fee: ¹	EUR 1,378
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ¹	EUR 16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR 207
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR 311
Search fee:	Refer to Annex D(EP)

¹ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (refer to Annex C(IB)).

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

	EUR	19.91	
plus	EUR	6.64	for each additional priority document

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

	EUR	26.54
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[Updating of Annex C(HR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PH Philippines

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 7 April 2023, are CHF 561 and EUR 564, or CHF 187 and EUR 188 where the applicant is a small entity.²

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees resulting from a change in the currency for the payment of national fees to the Office, from **Croatian kuna (HRK)** to **euros (EUR)**, with effect since 1 January 2023.

Consequently, since that date, the national filing fees for patents and utility models, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, are as follows:

National fee:³

Filing fee:	<i>Patents</i>	<i>Utility models</i>
– up to 30 sheets and 10 claims	EUR 159.27	EUR 100.87
– for each additional sheet	EUR 0.66	EUR 0.66
– for each additional claim	EUR 1.33	EUR 1.33

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

² A small entity refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

³ The national fee must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

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RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address for general enquiries. The Office's e-mail addresses are now as follows:

E-mail:	icd@rospatent.gov.ru	(general)
	ro-ru@rupto.ru	(RO)
	pct-peo@rupto.ru	(ISA, SISA, IPEA)

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

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2023, is ZAR 26,950.

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

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees in **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These new amounts, applicable from 1 April 2023, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	145	(EUR 0) ¹
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Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d):	EUR	720
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[Updating of Annex C(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ This amount applies where the PCT request (Form PCT/RO/101) and the international application are filed with the EPO as receiving Office online in character-coded format.

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d), a new equivalent amount in **Israeli new shekels (ILS)** has been established for the handling fee. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2023, is ILS 769.

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

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 May 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	25,920
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	290
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ZAR	3,900
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ZAR	5,850

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of its national fee, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable from 1 April 2023, are as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee:^{2, 3}

– for online filings EUR 105 (EUR 135)⁴

² Must be paid within 31 months from the priority date.

³ Refer to the Decision of the EPO Administrative Council dated 14 December 2022 (CA/D 16/22), OJ EPO 2023, A2.

⁴ This amount will apply where the international application (or, if required, its translation), the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) and any amendments for processing in the European phase are all filed online, but any one of them is filed in a format other than character-coded format.

– in all other cases	EUR	285
Additional fee for pages in excess of 35, for the 36 th and each subsequent page	EUR	17
Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated ⁵	EUR	660
Claims fee: ⁶		
– for the 16 th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50	EUR	265
– for the 51 st and each subsequent claim	EUR	660
Search fee: ⁶		
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005	EUR	1,000
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005	EUR	1,460
Fee for further processing:		
– in the event of late payment of a fee		[No change]
– other cases	EUR	290
Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing	EUR	255
Examination fee: ⁷		
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005	EUR	2,055
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up	EUR	2,055
– for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005	EUR	1,840
Renewal fee for the third year ⁸	EUR	530

⁵ Payable within 31 months from the priority date or six months after the date of publication of the international search report, whichever expires later.

⁶ Must be paid within 31 months from the priority date. (For claims fees, see also paragraph EP.08 of National Chapter EP.)

⁷ A request for examination must be made and the examination fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) and EPC Rule 159(1) or six months after the date of publication of the international search report, whichever expires later.

⁸ This fee is due before the expiration of the month containing the second anniversary (24 months) of the international filing date; it is due within 31 months from the priority date, if that 31-month time limit expires later.

Furthermore, the Office notified a new amount of the reduction of the search fee component of the national fee, in **euros (EUR)**, for international applications for which the international search report or a supplementary international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office or, in accordance with the *Protocol on Centralisation*, by the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH), the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV), the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent) or the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI).

The new amount of this reduction, applicable from 1 April 2023, is EUR 1,245.⁹

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

Finally, the Office notified a new amount, in **euros (EUR)**, of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(d)), payable to the EPO in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 April 2023, is EUR 720.

LK Sri Lanka

The **National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the national application fee in **Sri Lankan rupees (LKR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable since 2 January 2023, are as follows:

		<i>Students</i>	<i>Natural Persons</i>	<i>Others</i>
National fees: ¹⁰				
Application fee:	LKR	1,150	2,875	6,900

The Office also notified that, with effect since the aforementioned date, national fees are subject to a value added tax (VAT) of 15%, instead of 12%.

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

⁹ Refer to the Decision of the EPO's Administrative Council dated 14 December 2022 (CA/D 16/22), OJ EPO 2023, A2.

¹⁰ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

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

HR Croatia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 22 February 2018, page 193 *et seq.* (and subsequently amended in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 17 November 2022, page 304)).

In particular, on 11 January 2023, the Office notified that it no longer accepts international applications in electronic form filed using the EPO online filing software, with effect since 1 January 2023.

Consequently, with effect since 1 January 2023, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notifications:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by telephone at: (385-1) 61 06 547
- by fax at: (385-1) 61 12 017
- by e-mail at: epct_hr@dziv.hr

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.dziv.hr/hr).

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

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

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

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

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

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HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its facsimile number, which is now as follows:

Facsimile machine: (36-1) 331 25 96

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

LT Lithuania

The **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: info@vpb.gov.lt

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

MT Malta

The **Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Department, Ministry for the Economy and Industry (Malta)** has notified the International Bureau that the name of the Office is as follows:

Name of Office: Industrial Property Registrations
Directorate, Commerce Department

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

MU Mauritius

General information on **Mauritius** as a PCT Contracting State is now available in Annex B1(MU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which is published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

SA Saudi Arabia

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

Telephone: (966-11) 280 59 76
(966-11) 280 59 84

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

DO Dominican Republic

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **US dollars (USD)** and **Dominican pesos (DOP)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These new amounts, applicable from 31 March 2023, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): USD 360

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)): DOP 19,835

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

DO Dominican Republic

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the national filing fee in **Dominican pesos (DOP)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable from 31 March 2023, are as follows:

National fees: ¹	<i>Patents</i>	<i>Utility models</i>
Filing fee:		
– Up to 30 sheets	DOP 13,225	DOP 9,255
– For each additional sheet	[no change]	[no change]

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

IT Italy

The **Italian Trademark and Patent Office**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has clarified its special requirement (under PCT Rule 51bis) concerning the address for service. The consolidated list of special requirements under the aforementioned PCT Rule is now as follows:

- Name of the inventor, if it has not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application²
- Instrument of assignment of the priority right, where the applicants are not identical²

¹ The national fee must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

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

- Address for service in the European Union or European Economic Area is necessary (but appointment of an agent is not required)
- Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

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

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General information

Name of Office:	Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM)
Location and mailing address:	11 th Floor, Sterling House, Lislet Geoffroy Street, Port Louis, Mauritius
Telephone:	(230) 260 28 10
Facsimile machine:	(230) 210 97 02
E-mail:	trademark@intnet.mu
Internet:	https://foreign.govmu.org/Pages/Industrial%20Property%20Office/Industrial-Property-Office.aspx
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Mauritius:	Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Mauritius is designated (or elected):	Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents in addition to utility models
Provisions of the law of Mauritius concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Mauritius is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Mauritius is designated (or elected):	The indication of the inventor's name and address is not required by the Office
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes

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RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2023, are CHF 102 and EUR 103 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 479 and EUR 485 for searches carried out in English.

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have also been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 June 2023, are CHF 141 and CHF 226 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

IQ Iraq

Information on the requirements of the **Iraqi Patent Office (IQPO)** as designated (or elected) Office is now available in the Summary of the National Chapter (IQ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which is published at the end of the present issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

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

NO Norway

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89bis.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Norwegian Industrial Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 3 December 2015, pages 198 *et seq.* (as subsequently amended in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 5 December 2019, page 192).

In particular, the Office notified that, as from 15 June 2023, it will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed using the EPO Online Filing software.

Furthermore, the Office no longer accepts sequence listings submitted under WIPO Standard ST.25. With respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, with effect from 15 June 2023, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notifications:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JFIF (see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- by telephone at: +47 22 38 73 33
- by e-mail at: post@patentstyret.no

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

- international applications

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

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

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

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives. The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.patentstyret.no).

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

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

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

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

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

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

GT Guatemala

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

Designated (or elected) Office	Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13 <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	
GT - Guatemala Registry of Intellectual Property	At the time of filing (must be in the description)	None	To the extent available to the applicant, a description of the characteristics of the microorganism and/or other biological material.

Deposits may be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala) with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the *Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure* (these institutions are indicated further in this Annex and notifications related thereto may be consulted under: www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/). The certificate of deposit must be translated into Spanish upon entry into the national phase.

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

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**Designated
(or elected) Office**

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IRAQI PATENT OFFICE (IQPO)

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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	Arabic
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	A copy is required only if the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2).
National fee:	Currency: Iraqi dinar (IQD) or US Dollar (USD) Filing fee: ¹ IQD 77,075 USD 55
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>):	Name and address of the inventor if not indicated in the “Request” part of the international application ^{2,3} Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent ^{2,3} Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to claim priority of the earlier application ^{2,3} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306) ² Representation by an agent if the applicant is not resident in Iraq ² Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney) ² Translation of the international application to be furnished in three copies
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or patent agent registered before the Office
Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49 <i>ter</i> .2)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests

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

² If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

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

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EE Estonia

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

Location and mailing address: Tatari 39
 15041 Tallinn
 Estonia

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

MG Madagascar

The **Industrial Property Office of Madagascar** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (261-34) 43 152 36
 (261-34) 87 581 10

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) in **euros (EUR)**, with effect since 1 April 2023. The amount of this fee, payable to the EPO in its capacity as receiving Office, is EUR 115.

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

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

Pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2, and in accordance with Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, an Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service (a “participating Office”)¹ as a “collecting Office” may transfer to another Office (the “beneficiary Office”) via the International Bureau, for PCT purposes, the following fees and differences:

¹ A participating Office may refer to any PCT receiving Office (“RO”), International Searching Authority (“ISA”), Authority specified for supplementary international search (“SISA”), or International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”).

- **international filing fee** (PCT Rule 15.2(c) or (d));
- **search fee** (PCT Rule 16.1(c) or (d));
- **supplementary search fee** (PCT Rule 45bis.3(b));
- **handling fee** (PCT Rule 57.2(c) or (d)); and
- **differences relating to the search fee**² (PCT Rule 16.1(e)).

Between 1 January and 31 March 2023 (inclusive),³ the following Office notified the International Bureau of its participation in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.1 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as follows:

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

² Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

³ The complete list of Offices participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, as of 31 December 2022, is available in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 January 2023 (pages 13 *et seq.*).

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MY Malaysia

The **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia** has notified the International Bureau of its new location and mailing address (effective 10 April 2023), as well as changes to its telephone and facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Level 5, Menara MyIPO PJ Sentral, Lot 12 Persiaran Barat, Seksyen 52 46200 Petaling Jaya Selangor Malaysia
Telephone:	(603) 7496 89 00
Facsimile:	(603) 7496 89 99

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the handling fee. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2023, is KRW 286,000.

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

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the transmittal fee in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 13 April 2023, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD 93.87 ¹	(for a natural person)
	USD 375.50 ¹	(for a legal entity)

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

¹ This amount includes a value added tax (VAT) of 16%.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

MY Malaysia

The **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the national filing fee and fees for each additional claim exceeding the first ten claims (for patent applications or international applications entering the national phase), payable in **Malaysian ringgit (MYR)** to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 18 March 2022, are as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee (electronic or paper filing): ²	MYR	290
Claims fee for every additional claim exceeding the first ten claims (electronic or paper filing):		
– from the 11 th to the 20 th claim:	MYR	20 (per claim)
– from the 21 st to the 30 th claim:	MYR	30 (per claim)
– from the 31 st to the 40 th claim:	MYR	40 (per claim)
– for each claim in excess of 40:	MYR	50 (per claim)

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

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of annual fees for patents, payable in **Swedish kronor (SEK)** to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 18 March 2023, are as follows:

National Fee:

Annual fee for the first two years:	None
Annual fee for the 3 rd year: ³	SEK 1,500

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

² This fee must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

³ This fee is due on the last day of the month containing the second anniversary (24 months) of the international filing date; where PCT Article 22 or 39(1) applies, it is payable within two months after performing the acts for entering the national phase, unless the 24-month time limit has not yet expired.

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

PL Poland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13bis.7(b), the **Government of the Republic of Poland** has notified⁴ the International Bureau of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made under the *Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure*, with effect since 26 January 2023, as follows:

Collection of Plasmids and Microorganisms (KPD)
University of Gdansk
Wita Stwosza 59
80-308 Gdansk
Poland

⁴ The full text of Budapest Notification N° 355 is available on the WIPO website at:
https://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/notifications/budapest/treaty_budapest_355.html

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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CN China

Agreement between the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 May 2023, consists of the addition of **Saudi Arabia** to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex.

As from 1 May 2023, the amended Annex A will read as follows:

**Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

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

So far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

China, Angola, Cambodia, Ghana, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liberia, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Zimbabwe

and any State that the Authority will specify.

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

China, Angola, Cambodia, Ghana, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liberia, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Zimbabwe

and any State that the Authority will specify.

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

- (ii) [No change]

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its facsimile number, which is now as follows:

Facsimile: (375-17) 272 97 51

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

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 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CAD	1,956
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CAD	22
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	CAD	294
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	CAD	441
Handling fee:	CAD	294

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

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2023, are USD 115 for searches carried out in Russian, and USD 512 for searches carried out in English.

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

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2023, is NOK 19,970.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2023, are USD 109 for searches carried out in Russian, and USD 512 for searches carried out in English.

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

SE Sweden

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2023, is NOK 19,970.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2023, is NOK 19,970.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has specified the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)² — in addition to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office,² the Egyptian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO),² the Japan Patent Office (JPO),² the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore,² and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)² — as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 May 2023 with SAIP or with the receiving Office of the International Bureau, by nationals and residents of Saudi Arabia.

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

² This Office is competent as International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is or has been carried out by it.

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2023, is KRW 2,572,000.

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

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2023, is EUR 1,345.

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

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2023, is CHF 1,145.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts have been established – in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, with effect from 1 June 2023; and in **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, with effect from 1 July 2023 – for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts are CHF 315 and SGD 456, respectively, for international applications filed in Korean (or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3); and CHF 840 and SGD 1,215, respectively, for international applications filed in English (or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3).

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

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2023, is KRW 2,218,000.

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

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

TT Trinidad and Tobago

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 25 November 2021, page 209 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the Office accepts sequence listings submitted under WIPO Standard ST.26. Consequently, since that date, the following electronic filing notification replaces the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette):

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by telephone at: (1-868) 226 44 76
- by fax at: (1-868) 226 51 60
- by e-mail at: info@ipo.gov.tt

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LANGUAGES ACCEPTED FOR LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT FREE TEXT UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(d): NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER SECTION 332(a-bis) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

TT Trinidad and Tobago

In accordance with Section 332(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept language-dependent free text in English for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description under PCT Rule 12.1(d). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

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AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 July 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD 2,247
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD 25
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	AUD 338
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	AUD 507
Handling fee:	AUD 338

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

BR Brazil

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2023, are USD 334 when filing online and USD 500 when filing on paper.

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

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2023, are CHF 108 and EUR 109 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 479 and EUR 485 for searches carried out in English.

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

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2023, is EUR 948.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2023, are EUR 312 for international applications filed in Korean (or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3), and EUR 831 for international applications filed in English (or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3).

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

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NOK	15,950
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NOK	180
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	NOK	2,400
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	NOK	3,600

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CV Cabo Verde

Information on the requirements of the **Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI) (Cabo Verde)** as designated (or elected) Office under the PCT is provided in the Summary of the National Chapter (CV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

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PH Philippines

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 7 January 2016, page 2 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the acceptable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26. Consequently, since that date, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in its notification (under Rule 89*bis*.1(d)) is as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

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

**LANGUAGES ACCEPTED FOR LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT FREE TEXT UNDER
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PH Philippines

In accordance with Section 332(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept language-dependent free text in English or Filipino, for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description under PCT Rule 12.1(d). The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and Filipino within a single sequence listing.

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

INSTITUTE FOR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IGQPI) (CABO VERDE)

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(CABO VERDE)****CV****Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase**

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	English or Portuguese
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee:	Currency: Cabo Verde Escudo (CVE) For patent: Filing fee: ¹ CVE 15,000 For utility model: Filing fee: ¹ CVE 13,000
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	The fees are reduced by up to 90% where the applicant is the inventor and he provides a declaration indicating that his economic situation prevents him from paying the full amount of the fees.
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application ^{2, 3} 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) Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent ^{2, 3} Evidence of the applicant's entitlement to claim priority where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application ^{2, 3} Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Cabo Verde ⁴ Power of attorney if an agent is appointed ⁴ Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

*[Continued on next page]*¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).² This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.³ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.⁴ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

SUMMARY

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(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY**CV**

**INSTITUTE FOR QUALITY MANAGEMENT
AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IGQPI)
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Who can act as agent?

Any natural or legal person residing in Cabo Verde

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

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KN Saint Kitts and Nevis

The **Intellectual Property Office (Saint Kitts and Nevis)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its location and mailing address, and to its e-mail address, as follows:

Location and mailing address: P.O. Box 693
George Street
Basseterre, St. Kitts
Saint Kitts and Nevis

E-mail: ipo@gov.kn

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

OM Oman

The **Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the name of the Office and its Internet address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office: National Intellectual Property Office
(Ministry of Commerce, Industry and
Investment Promotion)

Internet: www.tejarah.gov.om

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

OM Oman

The **National Intellectual Property Office (Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion) (Oman)** has notified the International Bureau of conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, as follows:

For a period of five years from the date of submission of the application, fees for services relating to industrial property rights are reduced (i) by 90% where the international application is filed by a researcher in a research center or a student of a school, college or university, and (ii) by 50% where the application is filed by a small enterprise. (For additional details, refer to Ministerial Resolution No. 206/2018 of 18 October 2018.)

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

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

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rules 89bis.1(d) and 89bis.2 and in accordance with Sections 703(b), 710(b) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 18 March 2021, pages 51 *et seq.* (as modified in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 30 June 2022, pages 165 *et seq.* and of 18 August 2022, page 225).

In particular, as from 1 July 2023, the EPO will accept international applications and subsequently filed documents, including PCT Chapter II demands (PCT/IPEA/401), filed using the new EPO Contingency Upload Service. As from this date, the means available for filing international applications and other documents and correspondence relating to international applications in electronic form with the EPO will be: EPO Online Filing, EPO Web-Form Filing, ePCT-Filing, Online Filing 2.0 (with integrated ePCT-Filing) and the EPO Contingency Upload Service.

Consequently, the following item concerning the requirements for filing in electronic form via the EPO Contingency Upload Service will be added to the notification published (and revised) in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette), with effect from 1 July 2023:

FILING VIA THE EPO CONTINGENCY UPLOAD SERVICE:

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

- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LY Libya

The **Libyan Industrial Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form, with effect from **3 July 2023**, as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by telephone at: (218-21) 369 15 12
- by e-mail at: patent@irc.ly

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (<https://irc.ly/office-of-industrial-property/>).

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

– WIPO customer CA (see www.wipo.int/pct-eservices/en/certificates.html)

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

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

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

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NL Netherlands

In accordance with Section 332(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Netherlands Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the language of the language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept, under PCT Rule 12.1(d), for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description is the same language as used in the international application (Dutch, English, French or German). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2023, is CHF 1,302.

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

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 May 2023, are as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	BYN	42.00	for each copy of priority document up to 35 pages	
	plus	BYN	1.20	for each page of one copy in excess of 35 pages

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

CN China

New equivalent amounts in **Chinese Renminbi (CNY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 July 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CNY	10,350
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CNY	120
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	CNY	1,560

Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	CNY	2,340
Handling fee:	CNY	1,560

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

IL Israel

A new equivalent amount in **Israeli new shekels (ILS)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 July 2023, is ILS 818.

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

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CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2023, is CHF 270.

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

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2023, is CHF 934.

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone and facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (373-22) 40 05 00
(373-22) 18 85 06

Facsimile machine: (373-22) 18 86 99

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD	2,387
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD	27
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	NZD	359
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	NZD	539

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

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	28,990
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	330
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ZAR	4,360
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ZAR	6,540

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

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2023, is ZAR 36,760.

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

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2023, is ZAR 36,760.

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2023, are ZAR 42,250 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 16,900 for a small entity, and ZAR 8,450 for a micro entity.

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

IS Iceland

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

Location and mailing address:	Katrínartún 4
	IS-105, Reykjavik
	Iceland

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

IT Italy

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

Internet:	https://uibm.mise.gov.it/index.php/it/
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[Updating of Annex B1(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2023, are CHF 98 for searches carried out in Russian and CHF 435 for searches carried out in English.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2023, are CHF 92 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 435 for searches carried out in English.

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 August 2023, are CHF 128 and CHF 205 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

MU Mauritius

The **Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM)** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority, with effect since 15 March 2023, for international applications filed with IPOM or with the receiving Office of the International Bureau of WIPO, by nationals and residents of Mauritius.

Additional information on the requirements of IPOM as a receiving Office under the PCT is now available in Annex C(MU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which is published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

TR Türkiye

The **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **new Turkish lira (TRY)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2023, as follows:

For patent or utility model:

Filing fee:	TRY	5,800
Fee for certificate of grant:	TRY	1,050
Renewal fee for third year:	TRY	1,050
Reinstatement of rights:	TRY	5,730

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

LANGUAGES ACCEPTED FOR LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT FREE TEXT UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(d): NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER SECTION 332(a-bis) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

HU Hungary

In accordance with Section 332(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the language of the language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept, under PCT Rule 12.1(d), for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description is the same language as used in the international application (Hungarian, English, German or French). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTINGS: NOTIFICATIONS BY INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES OF APPLICABLE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)** has notified the International Bureau that for the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings, physical media are not accepted. Sequence listings must be filed in electronic form (refer to Administrative Instructions under the PCT, Annex C).

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

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning the types of physical media accepted by the Authority for the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings in electronic form, under PCT Rule 13^{ter}.1 and in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT – the Authority only accepts the following types of physical media: CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD-R or DVD+R.

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C **Receiving Offices** **C**
MU **INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OFFICE** **MU**
OF MAURITIUS (IPOM)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Mauritius
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language accepted for language-dependent free text in the sequence listing:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Mauritian Rupee (MUR)
Transmittal fee:	MUR 5,000
International filing fee: ¹	Equivalent in MUR of Swiss francs 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ¹	Equivalent in MUR of Swiss francs 15
Search fee:	Equivalent in MUR of the search fee payable to the International Searching Authority chosen by the applicant: See Annex D (EP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	MUR 300 per page
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	None
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Mauritius Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer registered in Mauritius
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

¹ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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BH Bahrain

The **National Patent Office (Bahrain)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the name of the Office and its mailing address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Directorate of Foreign Trade & Industrial Property, National Patent Office (Bahrain)
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 60667, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain

The Office also notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) — the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of telecommunication.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

MU Mauritius

The **Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM)** has specified the Australian Patent Office – in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) – as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 August 2023 with the IPOM or with the International Bureau of WIPO, by nationals and residents of Mauritius.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of certain components of its national fee, in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2023, are as follows:

National fee:

Basic national fee: ¹	CAD	421.02 (210.51) ²
Fee for reinstatement of rights (late entry into the national phase):	CAD	210.51

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

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **Singapore dollar (SGD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. The new amount, applicable since 26 May 2022, is as follows:

National (filing) fee: ³	SGD	210
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[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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

² The amount in parentheses is applicable only if the applicant is entitled to pay certain fees at the “small entity” level. In order to be entitled to pay the reduced fee, a signed “small entity” declaration compliant with subsection 44(3) of the *Canadian Patent Rules* must, within the applicable time limit set out in subsection 154(1)(c)(i), 154(2)(a), 154(3)(a)(iii)(A), 154(3)(b)(i)(A) or 154(3)(b)(ii)(A) of the *Canadian Patent Rules*, be made by the applicant or the agent on the applicant’s behalf (the declaration shall preferably follow the form of the declaration set out in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Phase, Annex CA.II).

³ Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), or at the time of any earlier express request by the applicant to proceed earlier with the national phase.

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

HU Hungary

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 28 May 2015, page 85 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the acceptable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26. Consequently, since that date, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in its notification (under Rule 89*bis*.1(d)) is as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

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

REVISED VERSION OF WIPO STANDARD ST.26

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

In accordance with the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, Annex C, paragraph 5, and following the adoption of version 1.6 of WIPO Standard ST.26 by the tenth session of the Committee on WIPO Standards (see document CWS/10/13 Rev. 2, and paragraphs 87 and 91 of document CWS/10/22), the Director General has decided that the new version of the Standard shall come into force for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2023. Sequence listings submitted after filing concerning applications filed prior to 1 July 2023 may use either version 1.5 or 1.6 of the Standard.

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ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its telephone number, which is now as follows:

Telephone: (34) 91 780 780

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

LV Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means of communication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** and **Swedish kronor (SEK)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2023, are JPY 266,100 and SEK 20,760.

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

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2023, are JPY 17,200 or JPY 4,300 in the case of filing by an individual.

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2023, is KRW 1,287,000.

Furthermore, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. These amounts, also applicable from 1 September 2023, are EUR 953 for international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and EUR 1,127 for international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

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

SE Sweden

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swedish krona (SEK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)** in its capacity as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2023, is SEK 20,760.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swedish krona (SEK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute** in its capacity as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2023, is SEK 20,760.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Brazil with the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) or with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect from 1 August 2023.

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

CL Chile

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Chile with the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) or with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect from 1 August 2023.

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

CV Cabo Verde

The **Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI) (Cabo Verde)** has specified the Austrian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Cabo Verde with IGQPI or the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect from 1 October 2023.

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

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

Pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2, and in accordance with Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, an Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service (a “participating Office”)¹ as a “collecting Office” may transfer to another Office (the “beneficiary Office”) via the International Bureau, for PCT purposes, the following fees and differences:

- **international filing fee** (PCT Rule 15.2(c) or (d));
- **search fee** (PCT Rule 16.1(c) or (d));
- **supplementary search fee** (PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b));
- **handling fee** (PCT Rule 57.2(c) or (d)); and
- **differences relating to the search fee**² (PCT Rule 16.1(e)).

Between 1 April and 30 June 2023 (inclusive),³ the following Office notified the International Bureau of its participation in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.1 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as follows:

PCT Fee Transfers					
	International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	Search Fee collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	Supplementary Search Fee collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	Handling Fee collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	Differences relating to search fees received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
CV Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI) (Cabo Verde)	<i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i>	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for: ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

¹ A participating Office may refer to any PCT receiving Office (“RO”), International Searching Authority (“ISA”), Authority specified for supplementary international search (“SISA”), or International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”).

² Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

³ The complete list of Offices participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, as of 31 December 2022, is available in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 January 2023 (pages 13 *et seq.*).

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EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2023, are EUR 98 and USD 100 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 434 and USD 447 for searches carried out in English.

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

JP Japan

New equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 September 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY	214,200
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY	2,400
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	JPY	48,300
Handling fee:	JPY	32,200

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

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2023, are USD 988 for an application in Japanese¹ and USD 1,167 for an application in English.²

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

¹ For international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3. This fee is reduced for applications by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. For further details on the eligibility, see https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf

² For international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2023, are EUR 92 and USD 95 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 434 and USD 447 for searches carried out in English.

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

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)** has notified the International Bureau of the amounts of the fee for priority document, payable in **Swedish krona (SEK)** to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts are now as follows:

Fee for priority document:

If requested under PCT Rule 17.1(b): None

If requested outside of PCT Rule 17.1(b): SEK 250

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

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BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified the International Bureau of the deletion of its facsimile number from its contact means.

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

ES Spain – Corrigendum

The information concerning a change of telephone number published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 6 July 2023 (page 141) was incorrect. The telephone number of the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** is as follows:

Telephone: (34) 910 780 780

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

UA Ukraine

The Ministry of Economy of Ukraine has notified the International Bureau of a change in the government authority of Ukraine acting as national Office, within the meaning of Article 2(xii) of the *Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)*.

Since 8 November 2022, the **State Organization “Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations” (UANIPPIO)** has been performing the functions of the national Office of Ukraine.

Consequently, the name and contact details of the national Office of Ukraine acting as receiving Office, and in other capacities, under the PCT are now as follows:

Name of Office:	State Organization “Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations” (UANIPPIO)
Location and mailing address:	1, Hlazunova Street Kyiv 01601 Ukraine
Telephone:	(380-44) 494 05 05
Facsimile:	(380-44) 494 05 06
Email:	office@nipo.gov.ua
Internet:	https://nipo.gov.ua/en/

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2023, is EUR 265.

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2023, are CHF 888 for an application in Japanese¹ and CHF 1,049 for an application in English.²

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, as follows:

Fee reductions are available to Spanish public universities and entrepreneurs. For further information, refer to <https://www.oepm.es>

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

¹ For international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3. This fee is reduced for applications by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. For further details on the eligibility, see https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf

² For international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

**INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTINGS:
NOTIFICATIONS BY INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES OF
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ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has notified the International Bureau that for the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings, physical media are not accepted. Sequence listings must be filed in electronic form (refer to Administrative Instructions under the PCT, Annex C).

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

PH Philippines

Pursuant to Presidential Memorandum Circular No. 25 dated 21 July 2023, the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Monday, 24 July 2023.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on Tuesday, 25 July 2023.

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

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

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

SE Sweden

New equivalent amounts in **Swedish kronor (SEK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 October 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SEK 15,840
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SEK 180
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	SEK 2,380
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	SEK 3,570
Handling fee:	SEK 2,380

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)** has notified the International Bureau that its requirements regarding the contents of the translation for entry into the national phase are now as follows:

Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims, any text matter of drawings
(if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended).

Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings
(if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended).

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

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UA Ukraine

In accordance with Section 332(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **State Organization “Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations” (UANIPIO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept language-dependent free text in English, for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description under PCT Rule 12.1(d). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

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

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly. Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place, is able to participate in DAS, either as an Office of first filing (“depositing Office”) or as an Office of second filing (“accessing Office”), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17) in a wide variety of media and formats.

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

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

IT Italy

Following notification of participation in DAS as a depositing Office (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette), dated 27 August 2020, page 184), in accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as an accessing Office, with effect from 1 September 2023.¹

¹ For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11580

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

EP European Patent Organisation

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

- Online Filing 2.0: from 19 July 2023, 16:00 CET (Central European Time) until 20 July 2023, 14:45 CET.

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

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

<https://www.epo.org/service-support/availability-of-online-services/2023.html>

and on the WIPO website at:

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

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MN Mongolia

The **Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means of communication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means.

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

SK Slovakia – Corrigendum

The information concerning a change of telephone number published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 November 2015 (page 182) was incorrect. The telephone number of the **Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic** is as follows:

Telephone: (421-48) 430 01 31

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

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

ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Section 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau on 4 August 2023, of corrections and updates to its notification published in the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) of 2 February 2023 (pages 44 *et seq.*).

Consequently, the items below in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) are now replaced by the following:

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

- Front Office (OEPMS*ei*)
- EPO online filing software

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

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application. The files should be archived in ZIP format.

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

Stored files can be accessed through OEPM online file-consultation services, available at:

<https://www.oepm.es/es/herramientas/buscador-base-de-datos/consulta-de-expedientes-de-la-OEPM/>

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

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KN Saint Kitts and Nevis

The **Intellectual Property Office (Saint Kitts and Nevis)** has notified the International Bureau of the deletion of facsimile numbers from its contact means, as well as of a change to the name of the Office and the addition of a new telephone number, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Office of St. Kitts and Nevis
Telephone:	(1-869) 467 19 76 (1-869) 467 19 77 (1-869) 467 19 78

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2023, are CHF 86 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 382 for searches carried out in English.

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

EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2023, is CHF 114.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2023, are CHF 81 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 382 for searches carried out in English.

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 October 2023, are CHF 113 and CHF 180 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

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

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

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and following publication of its notification in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 23 June 2016, pages 133 *et seq.* (subsequently modified on 27 February 2020 (page 30), 14 July 2022 (pages 177 *et seq.*) and 18 August 2022 (page 225)), as well as changes published on 21 March 2019 (page 43), 28 April 2022 (page 101) and 2 February 2023 (page 42), the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of further changes.

The new consolidated notification is as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

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

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

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

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

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

- i-system Software

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

- text string signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.2)

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

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

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

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

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

i-system supports online payment.

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

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

- by telephone at: + (86-10) 62 35 66 55
- by e-mail at: cponline@cnipa.gov.cn

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

- international applications

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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MY Malaysia

The **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia** has notified the International Bureau that it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Friday, 21 April 2023 and Monday, 14 August 2023.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on the next working day, Tuesday, 25 April 2023, or Tuesday, 15 August 2023, respectively.

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

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

PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau that it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Friday, 25 August 2023.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on the next working day, Tuesday, 29 August 2023.

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

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2023, are EUR 87 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 387 for searches carried out in English.

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

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2023, are CHF 106, or CHF 26 in the case of filing by an individual.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2023, are EUR 82 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 387 for searches carried out in English.

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

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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JP Japan

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

The **Japan Patent Office (JPO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A(i) thereof. The amendment, which entered into force on 1 July 2023, consists of changes to the conditions under which the Office will act as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), pursuant to Articles 3(1) and 3(2) of the Agreement.

Since 1 July 2023, the amended Annex A reads as follows:

**Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

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

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

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

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

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

For the United States of America, the Authority will act under Article 3(1) provided that (a) the international application is submitted in English; and (b) the Authority has not received more than 10,000 international applications from the United States Patent and Trademark Office during the five-year period from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2028, and not more than 500 applications each quarter. Where the Authority has prepared the international search report, the Authority will also act under Article 3(2) if these conditions are met.

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

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

(ii) [No change]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CN China

New equivalent amounts in **Yuan Renminbi (CNY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 November 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CNY	10,920
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CNY	120
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	CNY	1,640
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	CNY	2,460
Handling fee:	CNY	1,640

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2023, is ISK 255,000.

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

SE Sweden

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2023, is ISK 255,000.

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

SG Singapore

New equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 November 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SGD	2,052
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SGD	23
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	SGD	309
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	SGD	463
Handling fee:	SGD	309

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	USD	1,515
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD	17
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request not being in character coded format):	USD	114
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	USD	228
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	USD	342

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

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 November 2023, is USD 228.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2023, is ISK 255,000.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

MN Mongolia

The **Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia** has notified the International Bureau of changes to one of the components of the national fee. Where the fee for grant is paid after 21 September 2021, the first payment period and the amount in **Mongolian tugrik (MNT)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, are as follows:

Annual fee for the period from the 1 st to the 5 th year: ²	MNT 40,000
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[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Section 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Australian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau on 31 August 2023, of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 28 July 2016, pages 163 *et seq.*

Consequently, the item below in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) is now as follows:

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

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

² If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirements within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

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PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau that, due to inclement weather conditions, it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Friday, 1 September 2023.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on the next working day, Monday, 4 September 2023.

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

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2023, are SGD 1,915 and USD 1,411, respectively.

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

CL Chile

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2023, are as follows:

Search fee: CHF 1,756

Reduced search fee for natural persons and legal entities: CHF 351 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States that benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion.)

Reduced search fee
for universities:

CHF 263 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee.)

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

IB International Bureau of WIPO

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)** have been established, with effect from 1 November 2023, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD 114
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD 57
	Supplement for airmail: USD 11

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

PH Philippines

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2023, are CHF 527, or CHF 176 where the applicant is a small entity.¹

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

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **New Zealand dollars (NZD)**, have been established for the search fee for international searches carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2023, are CHF 1,914 and NZD 3,690 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, CHF 766 and NZD 1,476 for a small entity, and CHF 383 and NZD 738 for a micro entity.

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

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NO Norway

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Section 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Norwegian Industrial Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has provided the International Bureau with a clarification about the filing of documents in pre-conversion format as specified in its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 6 April 2023, pages 85 *et seq.*

Consequently, the item below in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) is now as follows:

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

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

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XV Visegrad Patent Institute

Agreement between the Visegrad Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex G

The **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(vi) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex G thereof. The amendment will enter into force on 1 January 2024.

As from 1 January 2024, the amended Annex G will read as follows:

“Annex G International-Type Search

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

The Authority conducts international-type searches for national patent applications filed at the Hungarian, Polish and Slovak IP Offices.”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

GE Georgia

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

E-mail: info@sakpatenti.gov.ge

Furthermore, the Office has clarified with the International Bureau that the restrictions imposed by the national legislation of Georgia concerning the filing of international applications with foreign Offices no longer apply. The previously applicable provisions under the *Law on Patents*, Article 31 have been repealed.²

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

Upon entry into the national phase, Sakpatenti as a designated Office or an elected Office shall publish the international application in Georgian language as soon as the Georgian translation is submitted and the fee for examination as to form and publication of the application is paid. From the date of publication of the application in Georgian language, the applicant shall be granted the provisional rights.

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

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-xv.pdf>

² Law of Georgia No.1791 of 5 February 1999, on Patents (as amended up to Law No.3235 of 20 July 2018): “Article 31. Repealed” (Law of Georgia No.3031 of 4 May 2010 - LHG I, No.27, 24.05.2010, Art.183).

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2023, is CHF 256.

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2023, is SGD 1,563.

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

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 sheets (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD	2,531
Fee per sheet in excess of 30 sheets:	NZD	29
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	NZD	381
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	NZD	571

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

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2023, are CHF 1,452 and JPY 242,200, respectively.

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2023, is CHF 1,452.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the number of copies of an international application required by it if the application is filed on paper – one copy must now be filed instead of three.

Furthermore, the Office has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning the requirements for representation before the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, as follows:³

- an agent is not required if the applicant resides in Georgia;
- an agent is highly recommended if the applicant does not reside in Georgia.

In addition, the Office has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office. The requirements are now as follows:

Any person who is a resident of Georgia or a patent attorney of Georgia.³

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

³ From 1 January 2025, an applicant not having a residence or a registered legal address in Georgia shall appoint a patent attorney of Georgia as a representative before Sakpatenti.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. The following persons may now act as such:

Any person who is a resident of Georgia or a patent attorney of Georgia.⁴

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

⁴ From 1 January 2025, an applicant not having a residence or a registered legal address in Georgia shall appoint a patent attorney of Georgia as a representative before Sakpatenti.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

IS Iceland

The International Bureau has been notified that the short form in French of the country name “Iceland” has been changed from “Islande” to “Islande (I)”. The corresponding two-letter code (IS) remains unchanged.

[Updating of Annexes B1(IS), C(IS) and L, and the National Chapter (Summary) (IS) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

NL Netherlands

The International Bureau has been notified that the short form of the country name “the Kingdom of the Netherlands” has been changed from “Netherlands” to “Netherlands (Kingdom of the)”. The corresponding two-letter code (NL) remains unchanged.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2023, are USD 94 for searches carried out in Russian, and USD 416 for searches carried out in English.

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

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2023, is USD 998.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2023, are USD 88 for searches carried out in Russian, and USD 416 for searches carried out in English.

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

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BG Bulgaria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Section 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has provided the International Bureau with a clarification about the filing of documents in pre-conversion format as specified in its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 21 April 2016, pages 79 *et seq.*

Consequently, the item below in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) is now as follows:

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

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

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

Under the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”) established by the International Bureau, any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place is able to participate in DAS, either as an Office of first filing (“depositing Office”) or as an Office of second filing (“accessing Office”), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17). Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents* are published by the International Bureau at:

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

CH Switzerland

In accordance with paragraphs 10 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office, with effect from 1 December 2023.¹

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

¹ For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=12873

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

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

- **international filing fee** (PCT Rule 15.2(c) or (d));
- **search fee** (PCT Rule 16.1(c) or (d));
- **supplementary search fee** (PCT Rule 45bis.3(b));
- **handling fee** (PCT Rule 57.2(c) or (d)); and
- **differences relating to the search fee**³ (PCT Rule 16.1(e)).

Between 1 July and 30 September 2023 (inclusive),⁴ the following Office notified the International Bureau of its participation in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.1 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as follows:

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

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

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

⁴ The complete list of Offices participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, as of 31 December 2022, is available in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 January 2023 (pages 13 *et seq.*).

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IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change to the provisions of its national legislation concerning restrictions to the filing of international applications with foreign Offices.

Filing restrictions apply to international applications filed by residents of Italy (Legislative Decree No.30 of 10 February 2005, Article 198(1) as modified following Law No.102 of 24 July 2023, Article 8, which entered into force on 23 August 2023) – unless the international application claims the priority of a national application filed in Italy more than 60 days previously and such application has not been made subject of the official secrets regulation. The said period has been changed from 90 days to 60 days, with effect from 23 August 2023.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) and the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d))¹ are reduced by 70% where the applicant is the inventor, a higher educational institution or an independent scientific-research unit, and by 90% where the applicant is a student, pupil or pensioner.

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified the International Bureau of changes to the components of the national fee^{2,3} payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes are applicable since 2 June 2023. The consolidated list of the said components is now as follows:

National fee:

For patent and utility model:

Fee for examination as to form
and publication of the application:

Up to 30 pages of application
materials:⁴

Equivalent in GEL of USD 100

¹ The payment of these fees shall be effected in the equivalent in **Georgian Lari (GEL)** of the amounts in **US dollars (USD)** indicated in Annex C(GE).

² Fees are reduced by 70% where the applicant is the inventor, a higher educational institution or an independent scientific-research unit, and by 90% where the applicant is a student, pupil or pensioner.

³ Fees are reduced by 20% for applications filed electronically.

⁴ This fee must be paid within one month from the date of request for entry into the national phase.

For each additional page
over 30:⁵

Equivalent in GEL of USD 3

In addition, the Office notified the International Bureau of the deletion of the information concerning the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee accordingly, due to the cancellation of the fee for determination of the state of the art.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (GE), 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 2024, are as follows:

National fee:

Basic national fee: ⁶	CAD	555 (225) ⁷
Fee for reinstatement of rights (late entry into the national phase):	CAD	277

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

⁵ This fee must be paid within one month from the date of the invitation to pay.

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

⁷ The amount in parentheses is applicable only if the applicant is entitled to pay fees at the "small entity" level. In order to be entitled to pay the reduced fee, a signed "small entity" declaration compliant with subsection 44(3) of the *Canadian Patent Rules* must, within the applicable time limit set out in subsection 154(1)(c)(i), 154(2)(a), 154(3)(a)(iii)(A), 154(3)(b)(i)(A) or 154(3)(b)(ii)(A) of the *Canadian Patent Rules*, be made by the applicant or the agent on the applicant's behalf (the declaration shall preferably follow the form of the declaration set out in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Phase, Annex CA.II).

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ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means of communication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the Office will discontinue the use of its facsimile services and will no longer accept the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means, with effect from 1 January 2024.

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

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

EP European Patent Organisation

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

- Online Filing 2.0: from 3 October 2023, 14:30 CET (Central European Time) until 5 October 2023, 15:52 CET.

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

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

<https://www.epo.org/en/service-support/availability-online-services>

and on the WIPO website at:

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

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RECEIVING OFFICES

CN China

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

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

Pursuant to the consensus reached by the CNIPA and the EPO, the pilot project will be extended for another three years, from 1 December 2023 to 30 November 2026, for a maximum of 3,000 international applications per year.

The terms of the transitional phase will continue to apply, under which applicants who file an international application with the CNIPA as receiving Office and select the EPO as ISA will be required to pay the international search fee directly to the EPO, in **euros (EUR)**.¹

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

For additional details, refer to:

<https://www.epo.org/en/news-events/news/epo-cnipa-joint-communique-chinese-applicants-may-continue-designate-epo-isa-0> (in English); and

https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2023/10/13/art_53_187971.html (in Chinese).

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

¹ For a list of fees payable to the EPO as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, refer to the Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (available at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-ep.pdf>), and Annexes D(EP), SISA(EP) and E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

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HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** has notified the International Bureau that its national law now permits the applicant who files a national application with it to request an international-type search to be carried out on such application (PCT Article 15(5)). The relevant provision in the national law of Hungary is Article 69/B, *Act XXXIII of 1995 on the Protection of Inventions by Patents*.

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

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means of communication (PCT Rule 92.4) – since 1 October 2023, the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of facsimile.

In addition, from the said date, all kinds of documents, except the international application, may be transmitted to the Office by e-mail at: uim.pct@mise.gov.it; the original of any document transmitted by e-mail must be furnished within two months from the date of the transmission.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the stamp duty (*imposta di bollo*) for requesting restoration of the right of priority, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)). This new amount, applicable since 23 August 2023 when filing online, is EUR 16. The amount of EUR 16 payable when filing on paper remains unchanged.

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

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

IB International Bureau of WIPO

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

- ePCT system: 20 October 2023, from 5:10 p.m. to 7:50 p.m. CEST (Central European Summer Time)

Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to the unavailability of the above-mentioned service during the indicated period may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 July 2020, pages 155 *et seq.*

Information concerning this unavailability has been published on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/unavailability.html>.

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PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following consultations undertaken by the Director General of WIPO in October 2023, in accordance with the Directives adopted by the PCT 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 2024, as indicated in table 1 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current equivalent amounts in the prescribed currencies, and, in bold print, the new equivalent amounts of those fees corresponding to the amounts in Swiss francs (CHF) set out in the current Schedule of Fees.²

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of **search fees** have been established in **receiving Offices' currencies** for all International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 January 2024, as indicated in table 2 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current equivalent amounts and, in bold print, any new equivalent amounts of the search fees fixed by the International Searching Authorities.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the **supplementary search fees** have been established in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, also with effect from 1 January 2024, for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, as indicated in table 3 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows the current and any new amounts of the supplementary search fees fixed by the Authorities, as well as the new equivalent amounts of those fees in Swiss francs (CHF), with effect from 1 January 2024.

¹ The Directives of the PCT Assembly relating to the establishment of equivalent amounts of certain fees are available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/equivalent_amounts.html

² Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/rtax.html>

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

Annexes C(AM), (AP), (AT), (AU), (AZ), (BA), (BG), (BH), (BW), (BY), (BZ), (CA), (CL), (CN), (CR), (CV), (CY), (CZ), (DE), (DJ), (DK), (DO), (EA), (EC), (EE), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (FR), (GB), (GE), (GH), (GR), (HN), (HU), (IB), (IE), (IL), (IN), (IQ), (IS), (IT), (JM), (JO), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KH), (KZ), (LR), (LT), (LU), (LV), (MD), (MT), (MW), (MX), (NI), (NL), (NO), (NZ), (OM), (PA), (PE), (PG), (PH), (PT), (QA), (RO), (RS), (RU), (SA), (SC), (SE), (SG), (SI), (SK), (SV), (SY), (TJ), (TM), (TT), (UA), (UG), (US), (UZ), (WS), (ZA), (ZM), (ZW),

all Annexes D,

all Annexes SISA,

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IB International Bureau of WIPO

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)** have been established, with effect from 1 January 2024, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD	109
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD	55
		Supplement for airmail: [No change]

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, which are now as follows:

Fee reductions are available to Spanish public universities and entrepreneurs. For further information, refer to Invention fees, available at:

<https://www.oepm.es/en/tasas-y-precios-publicos/tasas-de-invenciones/>

Refunds of fees are available if the ISA was the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office. For more information, refer to the instructions on the refund of search report fees and substantive examination fees, available at:

https://www.oepm.es/export/sites/portal/comun/documentos_relacionados/PDF/2019_03_06_Reembolso_Tasas_IET_Resolucion.pdf

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

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2024)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on October 2, 2023	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees Item 3
				Item 4(a)	Item 4(b)	Item 4(c)	
Reference currency Swiss franc		1,330	15	100	200	300	200 Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar	0.58488	2,247	25	n.a	338	507	338 Current amount
		2,274	26	n.a	342	513	342 New amount
CAD - Canadian dollar	1.956	1,956	22	n.a	294	441	294 Current amount
	0.67204	1,979	22	n.a	298	446	298 New amount
CNY - Yuan renminbi	0.12525	10,920	120	n.a	1,640	2,460	1,640 Current amount *
		10,620	120	n.a	1,600	2,400	1,600 New amount
DKK - Danish krone	0.12915	10,250	120	n.a	1,540	2,310	1,540 Current amount
		10,300	120	n.a	1,550	2,320	1,550 New amount
EUR - Euro	0.96331	1,378	16	104	207	311	207 Current amount
		1,381	16	104	208	311	208 New amount
GBP - Pound sterling	1.11145	1,200	14	n.a	181	271	n.a Current amount
		1,197	13	n.a	180	270	n.a New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint	0.00248	518,700	5,900	n.a	78,000	117,000	n.a Current amount
		536,300	6,000	n.a	80,600	121,000	n.a New amount
ILS - New Israeli shekel	0.23862	**	**	n.a	**	**	818 Current amount
		**	**	n.a	**	**	838 New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona	0.00658	195,300	2,200	n.a	29,400	44,100	n.a Current amount
		202,100	2,300	n.a	30,400	45,600	n.a New amount
JPY - Japanese yen	0.00611	214,200	2,400	n.a	n.a	48,300	32,200 Current amount
		217,700	2,500	n.a	n.a	49,100	32,700 New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.00067	***	***	n.a	n.a	***	286,000 Current amount
		***	***	n.a	n.a	***	299,000 New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone	0.08512	15,950	180	n.a	2,400	3,600	n.a Current amount
		15,630	180	n.a	2,350	3,520	n.a New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	0.54593	2,531	29	n.a	381	571	n.a Current amount *
		2,436	27	n.a	366	550	n.a New amount
SEK - Swedish krona	0.08316	15,840	180	n.a	2,380	3,570	2,380 Current amount
		15,990	180	n.a	2,410	3,610	2,410 New amount *
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.66659	2,052	23	n.a	309	463	309 Current amount *
		1,995	23	n.a	300	450	300 New amount
USD - US dollar	0.91459	1,515	17	114	228	342	228 Current amount *
		1,454	16	109	219	328	219 New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.04780	28,990	330	n.a	4,360	6,540	n.a Current amount
		27,820	310	n.a	4,180	6,280	n.a New amount

* Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2023.

** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment; in new Israeli shekels of the amounts in US dollars indicated above.

*** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment; in Korean won of the amounts in Swiss francs indicated above.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2024)

International Searching Authority	ISA/AT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR		ISA/CA	
	EUR	Exch. Rate	AUD	Exch. Rate	BRL	Exch. Rate	CAD	Exch. Rate
Reference currency & amount	1,775		2,200		1,685		1,684.12	
Exchange rates applicable on October 2, 2023								
CHF - Swiss franc	1,713		1,302		461		1,145	
	1,710		1,287		459		1,132	
USD - US dollar	1,875		1,411 ¹		500		1,226	
	1,870		1,407		502		1,237	
EUR - Euro			1,345		477		1,175	
			1,336		476		1,175	
AUD - Australian dollar								
DKK - Danish krone								
GBP - Pound sterling								
HUF - Hungarian forint								
ISK - Icelandic krona								
JPY - Japanese yen								
KRW - Korean won	2,572,000		1,864,000					
	2,536,000		1,913,000					
NOK - Norwegian krone	0.00070		0.00175					
NZD - New Zealand dollar			2,340					
			2,357					
SEK - Swedish krona								
SGD - Singapore dollar	2,488		1,915 ¹					
	2,565		1,930					
ZAR - South African rand	36,760		26,950					
	35,770		26,920					

1. Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2023.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2024)

International Searching Authority	ISA/CL		ISA/CN		ISA/EA		ISA/EG		ISA/EP	
	USD	EUR	CNY	Exch. Rate	RUB	Exch. Rate	EGP	Exch. Rate	EUR	Exch. Rate
Reference currency & amount	2,000	400	300		2,100	9,000	4,000		1,775	
Exchange rates applicable on October 2, 2023										
CHF - Swiss franc	1,756 ² 1,829	351 ² 366	263 ² 274	256 ² 7,98403	382 370	86 83	114 118	33,78378	1,03809	1,713 1,710
USD - US dollar				294	416 ³ 405	94 ³ 91	132 129	30,89831	0,94942	1,875 1,870
EUR - Euro	1,894 1,899	379 380	284 285	265 273	387 ² 384	87 ² 86	121 123			Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar										Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone										Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling									0,13407	13,200 13,240
HUF - Hungarian forint									1,15378	1,546 1,538
ISK - Icelandic krona									0,00257	690,700 690,700
JPY - Japanese yen									0,00663	255,000 ² 259,900
KRW - Korean won									0,00634	266,100 280,000
NOK - Norwegian krone										Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar									0,08836	19,970 20,090
SEK - Swedish krona									0,56672	3,064 3,132
SGD - Singapore dollar									0,08633	20,760 20,560
ZAR - South African rand									0,69198	2,488 2,565
									0,04962	36,760 35,770

2. Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2023.
3. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2023.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2024)

International Searching Authority	ISA/ES		ISA/FI		ISA/IL		ISA/IN		Current amount New amount
	EUR	Exch. Rate	EUR	Exch. Rate	ILS	Exch. Rate	INR	Exch. Rate	
Reference currency & amount	EUR	1,775	EUR	1,775	ILS	3,820	INR	10,000	2,500
Exchange rates applicable on October 2, 2023									
CHF - Swiss franc	1.03809	1,713	1.03809	1,713	4.19076	934	90.90909	106 ⁴	26 ⁴
USD - US dollar	0.94942	1,875	0.94942	1,710	3.83283	912	83.14455	110	28
EUR - Euro		1,870		1,870		998 ⁵		121	30
AUD - Australian dollar					4.03700	948	87.57364	120	30
DKK - Danish krone						946		114	28
GBP - Pound sterling								114	29
HUF - Hungarian forint									
ISK - Icelandic krona									
JPY - Japanese yen									
KRW - Korean won								17,200	4,300
NOK - Norwegian krone								0.55545	18,000
NZD - New Zealand dollar									4,500
SEK - Swedish krona									
SGD - Singapore dollar									
ZAR - South African rand									

4. Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2023.

5. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2023.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2024)

International Searching Authority	ISA/JP		ISA/KR		ISA/PH		ISA/RU				
	JPY	143,000	KRW	1,200,000	450,000	USD	600	200	RUB	40,000	8,500
Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		
Exchange rates applicable on October 2, 2023											
CHF - Swiss franc	1,049	888	840	315	527 ⁶	176 ⁶	382	81	Current amount		
	1,033	874	804	302	1,09339	183	370	79	New amount		
USD - US dollar	1,167	988	924	347			416 ⁷	88 ⁷	Current amount		
	1,129	955	879	330			405	86	New amount		
EUR - Euro	1,127	953	831	312			367 ⁶	82 ⁶	Current amount		
	1,072	907	835	313	1,05327	190	384	82	New amount		
AUD - Australian dollar			1,416	531					Current amount		
			872,95522	515					New amount		
DKK - Danish krone									Current amount		
									New amount		
GBP - Pound sterling									Current amount		
									New amount		
HUF - Hungarian forint									Current amount		
									New amount		
ISK - Icelandic krona									Current amount		
									New amount		
JPY - Japanese yen									Current amount		
									New amount		
KRW - Korean won	1,287,000								Current amount		
	0.10966	1,304,000							New amount		
NOK - Norwegian krone									Current amount		
									New amount		
NZD - New Zealand dollar			1,460	547					Current amount		
			814.82090	552					New amount		
SEK - Swedish krona									Current amount		
									New amount		
SGD - Singapore dollar	1,563 ⁶		1,215	456					Current amount		
	109.09820	1,549	994.91045	452					New amount		
ZAR - South African rand									Current amount		
									New amount		

6. Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2023.

7. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2023.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2024)

International Searching Authority	ISA/SE ⁸		ISA/SG		ISA/TR ⁹		ISA/UA		Current amount New amount
	Reference currency & amount	SEK	SGD	Exch. Rate	TRY	EUR	EUR	Exch. Rate	
Exchange rates applicable on October 2, 2023	SEK	20,760							
	SEK	20,560							
CHF - Swiss franc		1,713	1,452 ¹⁰		1,713		289		96
		1,710	1,500/17		1,710	1,038/09	289		96
USD - US dollar		1,875	1,664		1,875		317		106
		1,870	1,372/04		1,870	0,949/42	316		105
EUR - Euro		1,775	1,598		1,775				
		1,775	1,445/13		1,775				
AUD - Australian dollar									
DKK - Danish krone		13,200							
		13,240							
GBP - Pound sterling									
HUF - Hungarian forint									
ISK - Icelandic krona		255,000 ¹⁰							
		259,900							
JPY - Japanese yen			242,200 ¹⁰						
			244,300						
KRW - Korean won			0,009/17						
			2,218,000						
NOK - Norwegian krone		19,970	0,007/01						
		20,090	2,218,000						
NZD - New Zealand dollar									
SEK - Swedish krona									
SGD - Singapore dollar									
ZAR - South African rand									

8. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2024, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

9. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2024, to be fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

10. Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2023.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2024)

International Searching Authority	ISA/US		ISA/XN ¹¹		ISA/XV	
	Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate	Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate	Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate
CHF - Swiss franc	USD 2,180	1,914 ¹²	DKK 13,200	1,713	EUR 1,775	1,713
Exchange rates applicable on October 2, 2023		1,994	DKK 13,240	1,710		1,710
USD - US dollar		1,09339		1,875		1,875
EUR - Euro		2,064		1,870		1,870
AUD - Australian dollar		1,05327		1,775		1,775
DKK - Danish krone						
GBP - Pound sterling						
HUF - Hungarian forint						
ISK - Icelandic krona						690,700
JPY - Japanese yen				255,000 ¹²		690,700
KRW - Korean won				259,900		
NOK - Norwegian krone						
NZD - New Zealand dollar		3,690 ¹²		19,970		
SEK - Swedish krona		3,652		20,090		
SGD - Singapore dollar		0,59691				
ZAR - South African rand		42,250		20,760		
		41,680		20,560		
		0,05230				
		16,900				
		16,670				
		8,450				
		8,340				

11. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2024, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

12. Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2023.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2024)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT		ISA/EP		ISA/FI		ISA/RU	
	Reference currency & Amount	EUR	850 ¹ 1,190 ² 1,700 ³	EUR	1,775	EUR	1,775	Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles ⁴
Exchange rate applicable on October 2, 2023	Exch. Rate	1.03809	Exch. Rate	1.03809	Exch. Rate	1.03809	Exch. Rate	108.70811
CHF - Swiss franc		819 1,146 1,638		1,710		1,710		109 175

1. For a search of the German-language documentation.
2. For a search of the European or North American documentation.
3. For a search of only the PCT minimum documentation.
4. This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
5. This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2024)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/SE		ISA/SG		ISA/TR		ISA/JA		
	Reference currency & Amount	Amount	Reference currency & Amount	Amount	Reference currency & Amount	Amount	Reference currency & Amount	Amount	
Exchange rate applicable on October 2, 2023 CHF - Swiss franc	SEK	20,760	SGD	2,240	TRY	500 ⁶	EUR	60 ⁷	90 ¹⁰
	SEK	20,560 ¹¹			TRY	51,340 ¹²		70 ⁸	87
		1,710 ¹³				17 ¹⁴	Exch. Rate 1.03809	58	87
								67	87
									87

6. For a search of only the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority.
7. This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
8. For a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation.
9. For a search of only the European and North American documentation.
10. For a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation.
11. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2024.
12. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2024.
13. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2024.
14. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2024.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2024)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/XN		ISA/XV	
Reference currency & Amount	DKK	4,000 ¹⁵	EUR	550 ¹⁶
<i>Exchange rate applicable on October 2, 2023</i> CHF - Swiss franc	DKK	13,240 ¹⁷	<i>Exch. Rate</i> 1.03809	1,775
		517 ¹⁸		1,710

15. For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

16. For a search of only the documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak.

17. This amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2024.

18. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2024.

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

FI Finland

Agreement between the Finnish Patent and Registration Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ - Amendment to Annex D

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2024. The amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Supplementary search fees (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	650
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	650
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.1 <i>ter</i> and Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]

¹ The Agreement is available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-fi.pdf>.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

ES Spain

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

Internet: <https://www.oepm.es>

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, and applicable from 1 January 2024, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)) EUR 650

Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) EUR 650

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

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

IB International Bureau of WIPO

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 703(a), 710(b) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **International Bureau**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 07/2004 of 12 February 2004 (pages 3796 *et seq.*), as modified by the notifications published in PCT Gazette No. 43/2005 of 27 October 2005 (page 28466), the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 8 May 2014 (pages 64 *et seq.*) and Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 February 2021 (pages 23 *et seq.*).

In particular, as from 3 October 2023, as to procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available, the applicant may use the ePCT Business Continuity Service instead of the PCT Contingency Upload Service.

Consequently, since 3 October 2023, the item concerning procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available at the International Bureau as receiving Office, in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

In case of failure of electronic systems when an international application is to be filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office, the applicant may use the ePCT Business Continuity Service,² submit documents on physical media (CD-R or DVD-R), or use a different receiving Office. In addition, the International Bureau as receiving Office will use all means available to it, such as e-mail or notices on the WIPO website, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

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

² Available at: <https://pctcs.wipo.int/ePCTFiling/>

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

IB International Bureau of WIPO

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance Sections 703(a), 710(a), and 713(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions, the **International Bureau** has notified changes to its notification published in Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 February 2021 (pages 23 *et seq.*).

In particular, as from 3 October 2023, as to procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available, the applicant may use the ePCT Business Continuity Service instead of the PCT Contingency Upload Service.

Consequently, since 3 October 2023, the item concerning procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available at the International Bureau, in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

In case of failure of electronic systems when a document is to be submitted, the applicant may use the ePCT Business Continuity Service³ or submit documents on physical media (CD-R or DVD-R). In addition, the International Bureau will use all means available to it, such as e-mail or notices on the WIPO website, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

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

³ Available at: <https://pctcs.wipo.int/ePCTFiling/>

**EXCUSE OF DELAY IN MEETING TIME LIMITS UNDER PCT RULE 82^{quater}.2:
NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU UNDER
SECTION 111 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT**

IB International Bureau of WIPO

Pursuant to PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2(a), and in accordance with Sections 111(c) and (d) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the International Bureau made its notification concerning excuse of delays in meeting time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication, applicable since 1 July 2020. The notification was published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 July 2020 (pages 155 *et seq.*).

The International Bureau has made some changes to the aforementioned notification, with effect from 3 October 2023. In particular, one of the permitted electronic means of communication at the International Bureau mentioned in the notification, the PCT Contingency Upload Service, has been replaced by the ePCT Business Continuity Service.

The updated notification is as follows:

1. References to the “International Bureau” shall be construed as including references to the International Bureau as receiving Office, where applicable.
2. This notification applies to all time limits fixed in the Regulations under the PCT and in the Administrative Instructions under the PCT within which an action shall be performed before the International Bureau. It also applies to time limits fixed in invitations or notifications issued to the applicant by the International Bureau. It does not apply to the priority period fixed in Article 4 of the Paris Convention.
3. The permitted electronic means of communication at the International Bureau include the ePCT system and the ePCT Business Continuity Service. Any delay in meeting time limits due to the unavailability of either the ePCT system, with or without strong authentication, or the ePCT Business Continuity Service may be excused under PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2(a).
4. Delays in meeting time limits may be excused in the cases where the ePCT system or the ePCT Business Continuity Service is unavailable for more than one hour on a working day at the International Bureau.
5. Any interested party who wishes to request an excuse of delay in meeting a time limit under PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2(a) before the International Bureau shall:
 - (i) submit a request to the International Bureau, indicating that the time limit was not met due to the unavailability of the ePCT system or the ePCT Business Continuity Service during a specific period of time, and
 - (ii) provide evidence that it performed the relevant action on the next working day at the International Bureau on which the ePCT system or the ePCT Business Continuity Service became available again.

6. The International Bureau will excuse a delay in meeting any time limit referred to in paragraph 2 if the conditions set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5 are met and it acknowledges that the ePCT system or the ePCT Business Continuity Service was not available for more than one hour on each of the working days during the period of time concerned. It will communicate its decision to the interested party by way of Form PCT/IB/345, or Form PCT/RO/132 when it acts as receiving Office.

7. The International Bureau will publish information on any unavailability of the ePCT system or the ePCT Business Continuity Service on its website.

8. This updated notification entered into force on 3 October 2023.

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

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

CA Canada

Agreement between the Government of Canada and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendments to Annex D

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments, which will take effect on 1 January 2024, consist of changes in the amounts of several fees payable to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

With effect from 1 January 2024, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Canadian dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,220
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,220
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,110
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,110
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2) in electronic form	
(a) for the first 7 megabytes, plus	13 ²
(b) for each additional 10 megabytes or part thereof exceeding the first 7 megabytes	13 ²
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page (paper)	[no change]

Part II. [No change]

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

² With respect to Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b), in its capacity as an International Searching Authority, the Authority provides applicants with a first copy of all non-patent literature documents cited in the international search report, free of charge. A first copy of each non-patent literature document cited is made available to designated or elected Offices upon request, free of charge. In its capacity as an International Preliminary Examining Authority, the Authority makes a first copy of all additional non-patent literature documents cited in the international preliminary examination report but not cited in the international search report available to applicants and elected Offices upon request, free of charge.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2024, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	CAD	2,220
Additional search fee ³ (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	CAD	2,220
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 94.1 <i>ter</i>) in electronic form		
(a) for the first 7 megabytes, plus:	CAD	13 ²
(b) for each additional 10 megabytes or part thereof exceeding the first 7 megabytes:	CAD	13 ²

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

In addition, the Office notified new amounts of fees in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** payable to the Office in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, also applicable from 1 January 2024, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	CAD	1,110
Additional preliminary examination fee ⁴ (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	CAD	1,110
Cost of copies (Rules 71.2(b) and 94.2) in electronic form		
(a) for the first 7 megabytes, plus:	CAD	13 ²
(b) for each additional 10 megabytes or part thereof exceeding the first 7 megabytes:	CAD	13 ²

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

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

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

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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FIFTY-FIFTH (24TH ORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

At its fifty-fifth (24th ordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 6 to 14 July 2023 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) :

- adopted amendments to the PCT Regulations;
- appointed the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority; and
- approved the amendments to the agreement concerning the functioning of the Ukrainian national Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority.

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

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=75064

The aforementioned changes are outlined below.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

The following amendments to the PCT Regulations were adopted by the PCT Assembly.

The amendments that will enter into force on 1 July 2024 are as follows:

- Amendments to PCT Rules 26 and 29, relating to the procedure when an international application contains parts in different languages and all such languages are accepted by the competent receiving Office; and
- Amendments to the French text of Rule 82^{quater}.3(c),¹ to resolve an inconsistency between the English and French texts of this Rule.

The amendments that will enter into force on 1 January 2026 are as follows:

- Amendments to PCT Rules 34, 36 and 63, relating to the definition of the minimum documentation that the International Searching Authority should consult during international search, and the minimum requirements that an International Searching Authority and an International Preliminary Examining Authority must satisfy before it can be appointed and must continue to satisfy while it remains appointed.

¹ The amended French text of Rule 82^{quater}.3(c) reads as follows:
"La prorogation d'un délai au titre de l'alinéa a) ou b) n'a pas à être prise en considération par tout office désigné ou élu si, au moment où l'information visée à l'alinéa a) ou b) est publiée, le traitement national auprès de cet office a commencé."

Furthermore, the PCT Assembly adopted the following Understanding with regard to the interpretation of Rules 36.1(ii) and 63.1(ii):

- “In adopting the amendments to Rules 36.1 and 63.1 setting out the minimum requirements referred to in Articles 16(3)(c) and 32(3), respectively, the Assembly agreed that, in the case of an intergovernmental organization that has been established for the collaboration between national Offices of the States that are members of that intergovernmental organization and does not itself issue patents or publish patent applications, the requirements in Rules 36.1(ii) and 63.1(ii) for the organization are that the national Offices of those States make available for consultation, as part of the minimum documentation, any patent issued, and any patent application published, by them and, where applicable, by their legal predecessor(s).”

Appointment of the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT

- The PCT Assembly appointed the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) as an International Searching Authority and an International Preliminary Examining Authority. The appointment will become effective from a date to be notified by the Office when it is ready to begin operations.

Amendment of the agreement concerning the functioning of the Ukrainian national Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority

The PCT Assembly approved the proposed amendments to the aforementioned agreement, as follows:

- The government authority of Ukraine responsible for patent processing has been changed from the State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute” to the State Organization “Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations”; and
- The name of the party to the agreement with the International Bureau has been changed from “Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine” to “Ministry of Economy of Ukraine”.

The text of the amended Rules is reproduced hereafter.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 July 2024)

Rule 26
Checking by, and Correcting before, the Receiving Office
of Certain Elements of the International Application

26.1 to 26.2*bis* [No change]

26.3 *Checking of Physical Requirements under Article 14(1)(a)(v)*

(a) Where the international application is filed in a language of publication, the receiving Office shall check:

(i) the international application for compliance with the physical requirements referred to in Rule 11 only to the extent that compliance therewith is necessary for the purpose of reasonably uniform international publication;

(ii) any translation furnished under Rule 12.3 or 26.3*ter* for compliance with the physical requirements referred to in Rule 11 to the extent that compliance therewith is necessary for the purpose of satisfactory reproduction.

(b) Where the international application is filed in a language which is not a language of publication, the receiving Office shall check:

(i) the international application for compliance with the physical requirements referred to in Rule 11 only to the extent that compliance therewith is necessary for the purpose of satisfactory reproduction;

(ii) any translation furnished under Rule 12.3, 12.4 or 26.3*ter* and the drawings for compliance with the physical requirements referred to in Rule 11 to the extent that compliance therewith is necessary for the purpose of reasonably uniform international publication.

26.3*bis* [No change]

26.3*ter* *Invitation to Correct Defects under Article 3(4)(i)*

(a) Where the abstract or any text matter of the drawings is filed in a language which is different from the language, subject to Rules 12.1*bis* and 26.3*ter*(e), of the description and the claims, the receiving Office shall, unless

(i) a translation of the international application is required under Rule 12.3(a), or

(ii) the abstract or the text matter of the drawings is in the language in which the international application is to be published,

invite the applicant to furnish a translation of the abstract or the text matter of the drawings into the language in which the international application is to be published. Rules 26.1, 26.2, 26.3, 26.3*bis*, 26.5 and 29.1 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

(b) to (d) [No change]

(e) Where the description of an international application is filed in a language which is different from the language of the claims, or parts of the description or parts of the claims are filed in a language which is different from the language of the remainder of this

element, and where all such languages are accepted by the receiving Office under Rule 12.1(a), the receiving Office shall, as appropriate, invite the applicant to furnish, within one month of the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office, a translation of the description or the claims, or any part thereof, such that the description and claims are in a single language which is all of the following:

- (i) one of the languages contained in the description or claims as filed;
- (ii) a language accepted by the International Searching Authority that is to carry out the international search; and
- (iii) the language in which the international application is to be published.

Rule 12.3(c) to (e) shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

26.4 and 26.5 [No change]

Rule 29

International Applications Considered Withdrawn

29.1 Finding by Receiving Office

If the receiving Office declares, under Article 14(1)(b) and Rule 26.5 (failure to correct certain defects), or under Article 14(3)(a) (failure to pay the prescribed fees under Rule 27.1(a)), or under Article 14(4) (later finding of non-compliance with the requirements listed in items (i) to (iii) of Article 11(1)), or under Rule 12.3(d), 12.4(d) or 26.3*ter* (failure to furnish a required translation or, where applicable, to pay a late furnishing fee), or under Rule 92.4(g)(i) (failure to furnish the original of a document), that the international application is considered withdrawn:

- (i) the receiving Office shall transmit the record copy (unless already transmitted), and any correction offered by the applicant, to the International Bureau;
- (ii) the receiving Office shall promptly notify both the applicant and the International Bureau of the said declaration, and the International Bureau shall in turn notify each designated Office which has already been notified of its designation;
- (iii) the receiving Office shall not transmit the search copy as provided in Rule 23, or, if such copy has already been transmitted, it shall notify the International Searching Authority of the said declaration;
- (iv) the International Bureau shall not be required to notify the applicant of the receipt of the record copy;
- (v) no international publication of the international application shall be effected if the notification of the said declaration transmitted by the receiving Office reaches the International Bureau before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed.

29.2 to 29.4 [No change]

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 January 2026)

Rule 34
Minimum Documentation

34.1 *Definition*

(a) The definitions contained in Article 2(i) and (ii) shall not apply for the purposes of this Rule. For the purposes of this Rule, “patent documents” shall include:

- (i) published international applications,
- (ii) published regional patents,
- (iii) published national patents issued by a national Office or its legal predecessor in and after 1920,
- (iv) utility certificates issued by France in and after 1920,
- (v) inventors’ certificates issued by the former Soviet Union, and
- (vi) applications for any of the forms of protection referred to in items (ii) to (v) above, published in and after 1920.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), the documentation referred to in Article 15(4) (“minimum documentation”) shall consist of:

(i) the “patent documents” as specified in paragraph (a) that have been made available by or on behalf of the relevant national Office or its legal successor or, as the case may be, by the International Bureau in accordance with the technical and accessibility requirements specified in the Administrative Instructions and, where applicable, with the provisions of Rule 36.1(ii), and

(ii) such other published items of non-patent literature as the International Searching Authorities shall agree upon and which shall be published in a list by the International Bureau when agreed upon for the first time and whenever changed.

(c) In addition to consulting the required documentation set forth in paragraph (b), the International Searching Authority should also preferably consult utility model documents consisting of the utility models issued, and the utility model applications published, in and after 1920 by a national Office or its legal predecessor, provided that the said utility model documents have been made available by or on behalf of the relevant national Office or its legal successor in accordance with the technical and accessibility requirements specified in the Administrative Instructions.

(d) Each national Office making its patent documents and, where applicable, its utility model documents available in accordance with the requirements specified in the Administrative Instructions shall:

- (i) notify the International Bureau accordingly,
- (ii) make newly published patent documents and, where applicable, utility model documents available regularly, and
- (iii) provide to the International Bureau at least annually an authority file, detailing the current extent of the available patent documents and, where applicable, utility model documents in accordance with the Administrative Instructions.

(e) The International Bureau shall validate the availability of the patent and utility model documents notified in accordance with paragraph (d) and publish in the Gazette details of the documents concerned and the date from which they will become a part of the minimum documentation. The International Bureau shall administer a repository containing the authority files referred to in paragraph (d)(iii) as specified in the Administrative Instructions.

(f) Where an application is published more than once, each International Searching Authority shall be obliged to keep in its documentation only the first published version if none of the subsequently published versions contains additional matter.

(g) For the purposes of this Rule, applications and patents which have only been laid open for public inspection are not considered published applications and patents.

Rule 36

Minimum Requirements for International Searching Authorities

36.1 Definition of Minimum Requirements

The minimum requirements referred to in Article 16(3)(c) shall be the following:

(i) the national Office or intergovernmental organization must have at least 100 full-time employees with sufficient technical qualifications to carry out searches in the required technical fields;

(ii) that Office or organization must make available for consultation as part of the minimum documentation referred to in Rule 34, in accordance with the requirements specified in the Administrative Instructions, any patent issued, and any patent application published, by it, and where applicable by its legal predecessor(s);

(iii) that Office or organization must have in its possession, or maintain access to, at least the minimum documentation referred to in Rule 34, for search purposes in accordance with the Administrative Instructions;

(iv) that Office or organization must have in place a quality management system and internal review arrangements in accordance with the common rules of international search;

(v) that Office or organization must hold an appointment as an International Preliminary Examining Authority.

Rule 63

Minimum Requirements for International Preliminary Examining Authorities

63.1 Definition of Minimum Requirements

The minimum requirements referred to in Article 32(3) shall be the following:

(i) the national Office or intergovernmental organization must have at least 100 full-time employees with sufficient technical qualifications to carry out examinations in the required technical fields;

(ii) that Office or organization must make available for consultation as part of the minimum documentation referred to in Rule 34, in accordance with the requirements specified in the Administrative Instructions, any patent issued, and any patent application published, by it, and where applicable by its legal predecessor(s);

(iii) that Office or organization must have at its ready disposal at least the minimum documentation referred to in Rule 34, properly arranged for examination purposes;

(iv) that Office or organization must have in place a quality management system and internal review arrangements in accordance with the common rules of international preliminary examination;

(v) that Office or organization must hold an appointment as an International Searching Authority.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2023, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	11.80 (online)
	EUR	23.59 (on paper)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	17.70 (electronic copy)
	EUR	47.16 (paper copy)
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR	176.88 (request filed online)
	EUR	353.76 (request filed on paper)

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the national filing fee, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 July 2023, are as follows:

National fee: ²		
For patent:		
Filing fee: ³	EUR	58.97 (online)
	EUR	117.94 (on paper)
For utility model:		
Filing fee: ³	EUR	58.97 (online)
	EUR	117.94 (on paper)

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2(d)), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 July 2023, are EUR 176.88 where the request is filed online and EUR 353.76 where the request is filed on paper.

² If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the applicant may still pay the fee within one month from the expiration of the applicable time limit, subject to the payment of a surcharge equal to 50% of the filing fee.

³ Includes publication and examination.

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

Under the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”) established by the International Bureau, any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place is able to participate in DAS, either as an Office of first filing (“depositing Office”) or as an Office of second filing (“accessing Office”), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17). Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents are published by the International Bureau at:

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

CU Cuba

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents, the **Cuban Industrial Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, both as a depositing and as an accessing Office, with effect from 1 January 2024.⁴

[Updating of Annex B(CU) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

⁴ For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=12897

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**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 2024.

With effect from 1 March 2024, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Israel new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,962
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,962
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,698
Late payment fee for preliminary examination amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i> .2	
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,698
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	509
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per document	49

Part II. [No change]

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: office@osim.gov.ro

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

UA Ukraine

The **State Organization “Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations” (UANIPIO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its location and mailing address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address: 1, Dmytra Hodzenka Street
Kyiv 01601
Ukraine

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2024, are CHF 1,492, EUR 1,549 and USD 1,631, respectively.

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

IB International Bureau of WIPO

New equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** were established for the following fees payable to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, with effect since 1 January 2023, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	104
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	52
	Supplement for airmail: [No change]	

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

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee, applicable from 1 January 2024, and a new amount of the fee for priority document, applicable from 1 March 2024, both in **Israeli new shekels (ILS)** and payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	ILS	618
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ILS	98

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Israeli new shekels (ILS)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 March 2024, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	3,962
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	3,962
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	ILS	509
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 94.1 ^{ter}), per document:	ILS	49

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

In addition, the Office notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Israeli new shekels (ILS)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority and applicable from 1 March 2024, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	ILS	1,698
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	ILS	1,698
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	ILS	509
Cost of copies (Rules 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document:	ILS	49

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

Finally, the Office also notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the national filing fee, in **Israeli new shekels (ILS)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2024, is ILS 2,264.²

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

NG Nigeria

IB International Bureau of WIPO

The **Patents and Designs Registry, Commercial Law Department (Nigeria)** has specified the Austrian Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Nigeria with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect since 1 December 2023.

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

² A 40% reduction in the fee will be applicable for applications first filed in Israel for an individual applicant or for a corporate entity with a turnover of less than ILS 10 million in the last calendar year.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea

The **Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning the name of the Office, its location and mailing address, telephone and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Administration (IPA) of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Location and mailing address:	Kinmaul Dong No.1, Bipa Street Moranbong District, Pyongyang Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Telephone:	(850-2) 18111/999 (ext. 381-8433)
E-mail:	ipa817@star-co.net.kp

In addition, the Office has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means of communication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of facsimile.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2024, are EUR 91 and USD 99 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 406 and USD 441 for searches carried out in English.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2024, are EUR 86 and USD 94 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 406 and USD 441 for searches carried out in English.

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

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: COMMON TIMETABLE FOR FEE LISTS AND FEE TRANSFERS

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

Common Timetable for Fee Lists and Fee Transfers

Following consultations with participating Offices, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.2, paragraph 8 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, a common timetable has been established for the year 2024, specifying the latest dates, each month, by which a participating Collecting Office shall establish and transmit fee transfer information to the International Bureau; and by which the lists of fees to be transferred, and the amounts of fees indicated in said lists, shall be established and transmitted to, and from, the International Bureau.

The common timetable established for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2024 is as follows:

Cycle	Calendar month (2024)	PCT Fee Transfer Service Month (Invoice Period)	Fee Transfer Service	Last date for documentation notification to IB (12h00 CET)	Receiving Office payment cut-off value date	PCT Fee Transfer Service Statement Reports	PCT Fee Transfer Service Settlement Date
1	January	Dec. 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Monday 22-Jan-2024	Tuesday 23-Jan-2024	Friday 26-Jan-2024	Monday 29-Jan-2024
2	February	Jan. 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 21-Feb-2024	Thursday 22-Feb-2024	Monday 26-Feb-2024	Thursday 29-Feb-2024
3	March	Feb. 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 21-Mar-2024	Friday 22-Mar-2024	Tuesday 26-Mar-2024	Friday 29-Mar-2024
4	April	Mar. 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Monday 22-Apr-2024	Tuesday 23-Apr-2024	Friday 26-Apr-2024	Monday 29-Apr-2024
5	May	Apr. 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 23-May-2024	Friday 24-May-2024	Monday 27-May-2024	Thursday 30-May-2024
6	June	May 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 20-Jun-2024	Friday 21-Jun-2024	Monday 24-Jun-2024	Thursday 27-Jun-2024
7	July	June 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 24-Jul-2024	Thursday 25-Jul-2024	Monday 29-Jul-2024	Wednesday 31-Jul-2024
8	August	July 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 22-Aug-2024	Friday 23-Aug-2024	Monday 26-Aug-2024	Thursday 29-Aug-2024
9	September	Aug. 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Monday 23-Sep-2024	Tuesday 24-Sep-2024	Thursday 26-Sep-2024	Monday 30-Sep-2024
10	October	Sept. 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Monday 21-Oct-2024	Tuesday 22-Oct-2024	Thursday 24-Oct-2024	Monday 28-Oct-2024
11	November	Oct. 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 21-Nov-2024	Friday 22-Nov-2024	Monday 25-Nov-2024	Friday 29-Nov-2024
12	December	Nov. 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Friday 13-Dec-2024	Monday 16-Dec-2024	Wednesday 18-Dec-2024	Friday 20-Dec-2024

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

Agreement between the Visegrad Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ - Amendment to Annex D

The **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2024.

With effect from 1 January 2024, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
International-type search fee	
If requested in HU, PL, SK national application	600
If requested in other national application	800
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a)), full search	[No change]
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a)), for searches only on the documents in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak held in the search collection the Authority	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[No change]
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	[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]

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

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

(1) and (2) [No change]

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search carried out by any of the national Offices of the Contracting States, 40% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded. Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier international search report or international-type search report, 50% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded. There shall be no refund of the whole of the search fee paid, or waiver or reduction of the search fee.

(4) to (7) [No change]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau that it is not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from Monday, 18 December 2023 to Tuesday, 2 January 2024 (inclusive).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application is required to reach the Office falls on one of the aforementioned days, that period expires on the next working day, Wednesday, 3 January 2024.

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

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

PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau that it is not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on the following dates:

- Friday, 15 December 2023;
- Wednesday, 20 December 2023 to Friday, 22 December 2023 (inclusive); and
- Tuesday, 26 December 2023 to Friday, 29 December 2023 (inclusive).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application is required to reach the Office falls on one of the aforementioned days, that period expires on the first following working day when the Office reopens to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

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

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

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5(i), it is to be noted that, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2024, the International Bureau will not be open to the public for the transaction of official business on the following days:

all Saturdays and Sundays, and
1 January 2024,
29 March 2024,
1 April 2024,
9 May 2024,
1 August 2024,
5 September 2024, and
25 and 31 December 2024.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** national Offices or other intergovernmental organizations. Additional information concerning closed dates at the International Bureau is available at:

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