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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

UA Ukraine

Agreement between the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

At its fifty-fifth (24th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 6 to 14 July 2023, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) approved amendments to the agreement concerning the functioning of the Ukrainian national Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 30 November 2023, pages 223 and 224).

In accordance with Article 11(1) of the aforementioned agreement, the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine and the International Bureau agreed that the amended agreement entered into force on 14 July 2023.

The amended agreement, namely the Agreement between the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization in relation to the functioning of the State Organization “Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations” as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (as in force since July 14, 2023) is set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: ic.contact-contact.ic@ised-isde.gc.ca

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

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

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)** has notified an additional type of protection available via the PCT – from 15 January 2024, it will be possible to validate European patents in Georgia for international applications filed on or after that date.²

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

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified the International Bureau that its national law now permits the applicant who files a national application with the Office 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 Poland is Industrial Property Law, Article 47, paragraph 5.

[Updating of Annex B(PL) 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 a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2024, is EUR 500.

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

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee, in **new lei (RON)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2024, is RON 497.

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

² For further information, see:
<https://www.epo.org/en/legal/official-journal/2023/12/a105.html>

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Russian roubles (RUB)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2024, as follows:

Unitary procedural fee (for filing, search, publication and other processing)	RUB 50,000
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Claim fee for each claim:

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| – in excess of five: | RUB 5,500 |
| – in excess of 20: | RUB 6,000 |
| – in excess of 50: | RUB 7,000 |

Examination fee:

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| – for one invention: | RUB 50,000 |
| – for a group of inventions including one independent claim: | RUB 50,000 |
| – additional fee for the second independent claim: | RUB 30,000 |
| – additional fee for each independent claim in excess of two claims: | RUB 15,000 |

Furthermore, the Office notified a change in the conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, which are now as follows:

The unitary procedural fee is reduced by 40% where an international search report has been established by the EAPO; or by 25% where an international search report has been established by an Office acting as an International Searching Authority under the PCT.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the fee for validating in Georgia a European patent granted on the basis of an international application filed on or after 15 January 2024, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The amount of this fee, applicable from 15 January 2024, is EUR 200.³

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

³ For further information, see:
<https://www.epo.org/en/legal/official-journal/2023/12/a105.html>

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the amounts of certain components of the national fee, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2024. The new amounts of the respective components of the national fee are as follows:

For a patent:

Basic fee: ⁴	EUR	540
Basic fee for an electronically-filed application: ⁴	EUR	430
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 15: ⁵	[No change]	
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy: ⁶	EUR	140
Annual fees for the first three years: ⁷	EUR	135

For a utility model:

Registration fee ⁴	EUR	280
for an application filed electronically: ⁴	EUR	230
Additional fee for each claim in excess of 5: ⁵	EUR	25
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy: ⁶	EUR	120

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

In addition, the Office has notified the International Bureau of a new amount 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. This amount, also applicable since 1 January 2024, is EUR 500.

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

⁵ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

⁶ Where the basic fee has been paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the translation or copy may be filed within two months from the expiration of that time limit, provided that the additional fee for late furnishing of the translation or copy has been paid within those two months.

⁷ The renewal fees for an international application in respect of fee years which have begun before the date on which the application was pursued under section 31 of the Patents Act or was taken up for processing under section 38 of the same Act, or which begin within two months of such date become in no event due until the last day of the month that falls two months after the date on which the application was pursued or otherwise prosecuted.

AGREEMENT

between the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the State Organization “Ukrainian National Office for
Intellectual Property and Innovations”
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

(as in force from July 14, 2023)

Preamble

The Ministry of Economy of Ukraine and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

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

Considering that the State Organization “Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations” has taken on the patent processing responsibilities performed by the State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute”,

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

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

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

Article 2

Basic Obligations

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

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

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

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

Article 3

Competence of Authority

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

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

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

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

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

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

Article 5

Fees and Charges

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

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

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

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

Article 6

Classification

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

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

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

Article 8 International-Type Search

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

Article 9 Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10 Duration and Renewability

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

Article 11 Amendment

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

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

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

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

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

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine written notice to terminate this Agreement.

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

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

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

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

any Contracting State;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

any Contracting State.

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

- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
English, French, German, Russian, Ukrainian.

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

The Authority conducts supplementary international searches as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

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

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Law of Ukraine on the Protection of Rights to Inventions and Utility Models.

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)) (for an application in English, German, French)	300
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	100

Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in English, German, French)	300
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	100
Supplementary search fee(s) (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	
– of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34	90
– of only European and North American documentation	90
– of only Russian language documentation of the former USSR and Ukrainian language documentation	70
Supplementary search fee for a search in accordance with paragraph (3) of Annex B, where a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv)	60
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in English, German, French)	160
– the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	50
– the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in English, German, French)	180
– the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	70
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in English, German, French)	180
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	60
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	20
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per page	0.40
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and Rule 94.2), per page	0.90

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

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

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

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

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

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

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

(7) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, after receipt of the documents specified in Rule 45*bis*.4(e)(i) to (iv), but before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), it is notified of the withdrawal of the international application or the supplementary search request.

Annex E Classification

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

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

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

English or Russian, for applications filed in Ukrainian;

Russian, for applications filed in, or translated into, Russian;

English, for applications filed in, or translated into English, French or German.

Annex G
International-Type Search

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

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

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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 2024, is CAD 416.

[Updating of Annex C(CA) 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 March 2024, is CHF 110.

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

IL Israel

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 **Israel Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2024, are CHF 907 and EUR 974, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) 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 March 2024, are CHF 102, or CHF 26 in the case of filing by an individual.

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

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

US United States of America

In accordance with Section 710(a)(iv) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the Office does not accept the filing of documents in pre-conversion format.

**INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF ELEMENTS OR PARTS:
NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF COMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL
LAWS**

CN China

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(b) (see PCT Gazette No. 18/2006 of 4 May 2006, page 12956), the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau that, from 20 January 2024, the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as designated Office under the PCT will no longer be incompatible with PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d) and 20.6.

In addition, further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(b-*bis*) (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 9 April 2020, page 66), the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau that, from 20 January 2024, the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as designated Office under the PCT will no longer be incompatible with PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and 20.5*bis*(d).

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

CN China

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49*ter*.1(g) (see PCT Gazette No. 18/2006 of 4 May 2006, page 12958), the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau that, from 20 January 2024, the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as designated Office under the PCT will no longer be incompatible with PCT Rule 49*ter*.1(a) to (d).

Rule 49*ter*.1(a) to (d) will apply to international applications if the two-month period from the date of entry into the Chinese national phase expires on or after 20 January 2024.

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

CN China

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(h) (see PCT Gazette No. 18/2006 of 4 May 2006, page 12960), the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau that, from 20 January 2024, the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as designated Office under the PCT will no longer be incompatible with PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(a) to (g).

Rule 49*ter*.2(a) to (g) will apply to international applications if the two-month period from the date of entry into the Chinese national phase expires on or after 20 January 2024.

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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 March 2024, is USD 1,066.

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

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 March 2024, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK	213,100
Fee per sheet in excess of 30 sheets:	ISK	2,400
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ISK	32,100
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ISK	48,100

[Updating of Annex C(IS) 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 March 2024, are as follows:

International filing fee:	USD	1,562
Fee per sheet in excess of 30 sheets:	USD	18
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request not being in character coded format):	USD	117
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	USD	235
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	USD	352

[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 March 2024, is USD 235.

[Updating of Annexes E(CL), E(EA), E(EG), E(IN), E(PH), E(RU) and E(US) 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”)¹ 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.²

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

¹ 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.

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 Office³ as of **31 December 2023** (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, CV, 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, NG, ZM, ZW)

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

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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, MU, 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, CL, EP, SE, US</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/CL, 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</i> CAD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified 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/BR, EP, ES, KR, US as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from</i> RO/BR, CO, CR, CU, DO, EC, IB, MX, PA, PE, TT	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in</i> USD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified 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, SA</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
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/ AT, EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
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
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

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
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>
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, MU, 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/PI)</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 ⁴ (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

⁴ "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				
<p>JO Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)</p>	<p><i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i></p>	<p>Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, EP, US</i></p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p>JP Japan Patent Office (JPO)</p>	<p>Collecting RO</p>	<p>as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, IN, SG</i></p> <p>as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB, ID, IN, KR, MY, PH, SA, SG, US, VN</i></p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Collecting IPEA</p>	<p>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></p>
<p>KE Kenya Industrial Property Institute</p>	<p><i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i></p>	<p>Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, CN, EP, SE</i></p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>

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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

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
MD State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
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</i> ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
MU Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM)	<i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i>	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for:</i> ISA/AU, EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
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

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
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
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

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
PA Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/BR, CL, EP, ES, US</i>	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 ISA/AT, BR, CL, EP, ES, KR, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
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

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
PT National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
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
RU Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EA, EP</i> 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>	Beneficiary SISA	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/RU (AM, KG, KP, MN, TJ, TM, UZ, ZW)</i>

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
SA Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/CA, CN, EG, EP, JP, KR, RU, SG, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
SD Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department (Sudan)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EG, EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
SE Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, XN</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/AP, BR, DK, FI, IB, IN, IS, KE, MA, MX, NO, OA, TT, VN</i>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in SEK, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/SE (GH, LR, ZM)</i>

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
SG Intellectual Property Office of Singapore	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, EP, JP, KR</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB, ID, JP, KR, MX, SA, TT, UG, US, VN</i>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in SGD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/SG (BN, KH, TH)</i>
SI Slovenian Intellectual Property Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
SK Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
SY Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection, Directorate of Industrial and Commercial Property Protection (Syrian Arab Republic)	<i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i>	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EG, EP, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
<p>TN National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia)</p>	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<p>TR Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)</p>	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB</i>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in TRY, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/TR (IQ)</i>
<p>TT Intellectual Property Office, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)</p>	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, CL, EP, SE, SG, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
UA National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)”	<i>(not yet participating as RO)</i>	as Collecting RO: <i>(not yet participating as RO)</i> 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
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

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
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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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 2024, are as follows:

Search fee:	CHF 1,703
Reduced search fee for natural persons and legal entities:	CHF 341 (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 255 (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 2024, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD 117
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD 59
	Supplement for airmail: USD 12

[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 2024, are CHF 511, or CHF 170 where the applicant is a small entity.¹

[Updating of Annex D(PH) 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 2024, are CHF 1,856 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, CHF 742 for a small entity, and CHF 371 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) 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.

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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 Friday, 9 February 2024.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application is required to reach the Office falls on the aforementioned day, that period expires on the next subsequent day on which 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>

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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 2024, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	BYN	98
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26 <i>bis</i> .3(d)):	BYN	200

[Updating of Annex C(BY) 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 2024, as follows:

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

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

For patent:

Filing fee:	BYN	98
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	42
Examination fee:	BYN	476
Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	280
Annual fee for the third year:	BYN	98

For utility model:

Filing fee:	BYN	196
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	98

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

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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

Pursuant to Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, the **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments, which enter into force on 1 April 2024, consist of changes in the amounts of several fees payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search, and International Preliminary Examining Authority.

Furthermore, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, the EPO also notified an amendment to Part II of Annex D thereof. This amendment, which will also enter into force on 1 April 2024, consists of a change in the reference contained in the footnote to paragraph 3: the reference “OJ EPO 2019, A5” will be replaced by the reference “OJ EPO 2024, A7”. The effect of this amendment is to change the conditions relating to the refund of the search fee, where the EPO (acting as International Searching Authority) benefits from the results of an earlier search prepared by it on an application the priority of which is claimed in an international application. In particular, a full or partial refund of the international search fee paid for a pending international application is now also applicable where the international search report is based on an earlier search made on behalf of Slovenia on a national application filed as of 1 January 2024.

Consequently, as from 1 April 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))	1,845 ²
Additional fee (Rules 40.2(a) and 40 <i>bis</i> ³)	1,845 ²

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)).

Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	1,845 ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,915 ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,915 ²
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	1,020
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	1,020
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	265

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 already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application and depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search, the search fee paid shall be refunded to the extent provided for in a communication from the Authority to the International Bureau and published in the Gazette.⁴

(4) to (8) [No change]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** 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 Tuesday, 16 January 2024.

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 Wednesday, 17 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>

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EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable for international applications filed on or after 1 April 2024, is EUR 150.

⁴ See OJ EPO 2024, A7 and *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 15 February 2024, page 53.

In addition, the EPO notified new amounts of other fees, in **euros (EUR)**, also payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable for payments made on or after 1 April 2024, are as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	120	(EUR 0 ⁵)
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR	750	

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

The Office also 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 2024, as follows:

Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)):	EUR	1,845 ⁶
Additional fee (PCT Rules 40.2(a) and 40bis ⁷):	EUR	1,845 ⁶
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45bis.3(a)):	EUR	1,845 ⁶
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	EUR	1,020
Review fee (PCT Rule 45bis.6(c)):	EUR	1,020
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.1(c)):	EUR	265

[Updating of Annex D(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 2024, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	EUR	1,915 ⁶
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	EUR	1,915 ⁶
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	EUR	1,020
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.2):	EUR	265

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

⁵ This amount applies where the document is requested using MyEPO.

⁶ This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State classified by the World Bank as low-income or lower-middle-income economy. For the list of States to which this reduction applies, refer to: <https://www.epo.org/applying/fees/international-fees/information.html>.

⁷ This fee is applied in conjunction with PCT Rule 20.5bis (see decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 27 March 2020 (OJ EPO 2020, A36)).

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 2024, are as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee:^{8, 9}

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| – for online filings | EUR | 135 |
| – for non-online filings | EUR | 285 |

Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated: ¹⁰	EUR	685
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Claims fee:¹¹

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| – for the 16 th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50 | EUR | 275 |
| – for the 51 st and each subsequent claim | EUR | 685 |

Search fee:¹¹

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| – for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005 | EUR | 1,040 |
| – for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 | EUR | 1,520 |

Fee for further processing:

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| – in the event of late payment of a fee | [No change] | |
| – other cases | EUR | 300 |

Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing	EUR	265
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Examination fee:¹²

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| – for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005 | EUR | 2,135 |
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⁸ Must be paid within 31 months from the priority date.

⁹ Refer to the Decision of the EPO Administrative Council dated 14 December 2023 (CA/D 16/23), OJ EPO 2024, A3.

¹⁰ Payable within 31 months from the priority date or six months after the date of publication of the international search report, whichever expires later.

¹¹ Must be paid within 31 months from the priority date. (For claims fees, see also paragraph EP.08 of National Chapter EP.)

¹² 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.

– for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up	EUR	2,135
– for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005	EUR	1,915
Renewal fee for the third year ¹³	EUR	690

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 2024, is EUR 1,300.¹⁴

In addition, the Office notified new conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of fees, with effect from 1 April 2024, as follows:

(i) Where microenterprises, small and medium-sized enterprises, natural persons, non-profit organisations, universities or public research organisations having their residence or principal place of business within a Contracting State [of the EPC] having a language other than English, French or German as an official language, and nationals of that State who are resident abroad, file a European patent application or a request for examination in a language admitted in Article 14, paragraph 4 of the EPC, the filing fee or examination fee shall be reduced by 30%.

(ii) Where a microenterprise, natural person, non-profit organisation, university or public research organisation files a European patent application or, in respect of an international application, performs the acts referred to in Rule 159, the following fees shall be reduced by 30%: (a) filing fee; (b) fee for a European or supplementary European search; (c) examination fee, and in addition the previously paid international search fee where the European Patent Office acted as International Searching Authority; (d) designation fee; (e) fee for grant; (f) renewal fees for the European patent application.

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ Refer to footnote 9.

The reduction of fees shall not be available where the same person has filed five or more European patent applications or Euro-PCT applications within a period of five years preceding (i) the date of filing of the European patent application concerned or (ii) the date of entry into the European phase of the Euro-PCT application concerned.

The relevant date for previous applications shall be the date of filing in the case of a European patent application or the date of entry into the European phase in the case of a Euro-PCT application. In the case of multiple persons filing a European patent application or a Euro-PCT application, the reduction shall be available only if each applicant fulfils the applicable eligibility criteria on the date of the payment of the fee concerned.

For additional details, refer to Rule 7 of the Implementing Regulations to the *European Patent Convention (EPC)* and the Rules relating to Fees.

[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 2024, is EUR 750.

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OM Oman

The **National Intellectual Property Office (Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion) (Oman)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: paof@tejarah.gov.om

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

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau that its national law permits an applicant who files a national application with the Office 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 the Russian Federation is contained in Appendix 1 of the *Regulation on Patent and other fees for committing legally significant actions related to a patent for an invention, utility model, industrial design, state registration of a trademark and service mark, state registration and grant of the exclusive right to appellation of origin, as well as state registration of alienation of the exclusive right to a result of intellectual activity or means of individualization, pledge of the exclusive right, granting the right to use such result or such means under a contract, non-contracted transfer of the exclusive right to such result or such means*, under paragraph 14.13 of the List of legally significant actions related to a patent for invention, utility model, industrial design, state registration of a trademark and a service mark, state registration and grant of the exclusive right to an appellation of origin, state registration of alienation of the exclusive right to a result of intellectual activity or means of individualization, pledge of the exclusive right, grant of a right of use of such result or such means under a contract, transfer of the exclusive right to such result or such means without concluding a contract, subject to patent or other fees.

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

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LV Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a clarification of its official name, as well as of a change in its location and mailing address, as follows:

Name of Office:	Patent Office of the Republic of Latvia
Location and mailing address:	Raiņa bulvāris 15 Rīga LV-1050 Latvia

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of national fees in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2024, are as follows:

Application fee: ¹	NOK 6,050 (NOK 1,100) ²
Fee for each claim in excess of 10: ¹	NOK 330
Annual fees for the first three years: ³	NOK 910 per year

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

¹ Must be paid within 30 days from the date of the invitation to pay the fee.

² The amount in parentheses is applicable where the applicant is a natural person or a legal entity with 20 permanent employees or less.

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

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

ES Spain

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

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex D, Part I thereof. These amendments, which consist of changes to the amounts of the search fee and the additional fee for international search, will enter into force on 1 April 2024.

With effect from 1 April 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))	1,845 ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,845 ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change] ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change] ²
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]

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

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

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

Agreement between the Visegrad Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization³ - 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, Part I thereof. These amendments, which consist of changes to the amounts of the search fee and the additional fee for international search, will enter into force on 1 April 2024.

With effect from 1 April 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))	1,845
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,845
International-type search fee	
If requested in HU, PL, SK national application	[No change]
If requested in other national application	[No change]
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 of 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]

Part II. [No change]

³ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-xv.pdf

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **multiple currencies** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**⁴. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2024, are as follows:

Danish kroner (DKK)	13,750
Hungarian forints (HUF)	715,100
Icelandic kronur (ISK)	274,600
Japanese yen (JPY)	297,100
New Zealand dollars (NZD)	3,253
Norwegian kroner (NOK)	20,880
Pounds sterling (GBP)	1,570
Singapore dollars (SGD)	2,675
South African rand (ZAR)	37,470
Swedish kronor (SEK)	20,750
Swiss francs (CHF)	1,751
US dollars (USD)	1,989

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

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2024, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	EUR 1,845 ⁵
Additional fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	EUR 1,845 ⁵

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee, in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2024, are CHF 1,751 and USD 1,989, respectively.

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

⁴ A new amount of this fee (EUR 1,845) has been established by the EPO, with effect from 1 April 2024. Refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 15 February 2024, pages 53-54.

⁵ This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention and which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".

SE Sweden

New amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) in **Swedish krona (SEK)**, and new equivalent amounts of the search fee in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **Danish kroner (DKK)**, **euros (EUR)**, **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for an international search carried out by the **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2024, are as follows:

Search fee:	SEK 20,750
	CHF 1,751
	DKK 13,750
	EUR 1,845
	ISK 274,600
	NOK 20,880
	USD 1,989
Additional search fee:	SEK 20,750

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

Furthermore, a new amount of the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3(a)) in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for a supplementary international search carried out the by Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2024, is CHF 1,751.

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

TR Türkiye

New amounts in **Turkish lira (TRY)** have been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) payable for an international search carried out by the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2024, are TRY 61,090 each.

In addition, new equivalent amounts of the search fee, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for an international search carried out by the Office, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d). These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2024, are CHF 1,751, EUR 1,845 and USD 1,989, respectively.

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(a), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a full supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2024, is CHF 1,751.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

New amounts in **Danish kroner (DKK)** have been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) payable for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2014, are DKK 13,750 each.

In addition, new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)**, **Danish kroner (DKK)**, **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, **Swedish kronor (SEK)** and **US dollars (USD)**, for an international search carried out by the Office, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d). These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2024, are as follows:

CHF	1,751
EUR	1,845
DKK	13,750
ISK	274,600
NOK	20,880
SEK	20,750
USD	1,989

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(a), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a full supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2024, is CHF 1,751.

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

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

The **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **euros (EUR)**, payable for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2024, are EUR 1,845 each.

In addition, new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d). These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2024, are CHF 1,751 and USD 1,989, respectively.

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

**RESTORATION OF THE RIGHT OF PRIORITY: NOTIFICATIONS UNDER PCT
RULE 49ter.2(g)**

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 49ter.2(g), the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that, applicable from 20 January 2024, it applies the “unintentional” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority filed with it as a designated Office, and the time limit for filing such a request is two months from the date of entry into the national phase before that Office.

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

In addition, CNIPA notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2(d)) in **Chinese Yuan Renminbi (CNY)** and payable to it in its capacity as designated Office. This amount, also applicable since 20 January 2024, is CNY 1,000.

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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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(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2024.

Consequently, as from 1 April 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))	1,845
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,845
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	1,845
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[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 (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>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2024, are EUR 1,845 each.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **US dollars (USD)**. These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2024, are CHF 1,751 and USD 1,989, respectively.

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

Furthermore, in its capacity as Authority specified for supplementary search, the Office notified a new amount of the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3(a)), in **euros (EUR)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2024, is EUR 1,845.

Consequently, a new amount of this fee has been established in **Swiss francs (CHF)**. This amount, also applicable from 1 April 2024, is CHF 1,751.

[Updating of Annex SISA(FI) 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 May 2024, is CHF 964.

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

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

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 **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2024, is HUF 715,100.

[Updating of Annex D(XV) 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 1.7 of WIPO Standard ST.26 by the eleventh session of the Committee on WIPO Standards (refer to document CWS/11/3 and paragraphs 49 and 50 of document CWS/11/27), 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 2024. Sequence listings submitted after filing concerning applications filed prior to 1 July 2024 may use either version 1.6 or 1.7 of the Standard.

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

IN India

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

In accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, the **Indian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of an amendment to the footnote in Part I of Annex D thereof.

Consequently, with effect since 15 March 2024, the amended Annex D reads as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Indian rupees)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[no change] ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[no change] ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	
– where the international search report was issued by the Authority	[no change] ²
– in other cases	[no change] ²
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[no change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)):	
– where the international search report was issued by the Authority	[no change] ²
– in other cases	[no change] ²
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[no change] ²
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	[no change] ²
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	[no change]

Part II. [No change]

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

² The amounts in parentheses are applicable in the case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity, or an educational institution.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the conditions for reduction of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)), additional fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)), and late furnishing fee for sequence listings (PCT Rule 13~~ter~~.1(c)) payable to it as International Searching Authority, as well as in the conditions for reduction of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)), additional fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)), protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)), and late furnishing fee for sequence listings (PCT Rule 13~~ter~~.2) payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority.

With effect since 15 March 2024, these fees are reduced by 75% where the applicant is a natural person, startup, small entity, or an educational institution.

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

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

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the filing of international applications in electronic form.

With effect since 16 November 2023, the Office no longer accepts the filing of international applications in electronic form using EFS-Web. Applicants may continue to use Patent Center to file international applications in electronic form in accordance with the USPTO's national law and technical systems.

[Updating of Annex C(US) 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: 28 March 2024, from 2:50 p.m. to 4:40 p.m. CET (Central European Time)

Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to the unavailability of the abovementioned 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 November 2023, pages 217 *et seq.*

Information concerning this unavailability has been published on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/unavailability.html>

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”)³ as a “collecting Office” may, via the International Bureau, transfer the following fees and differences to another Office (the “beneficiary Office”), for PCT purposes:

- **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**⁴ (PCT Rule 16.1(e)).

Between 1 January and 31 March 2024 (inclusive),⁵ 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:

³ The term “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”).

⁴ 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.

⁵ The complete list of Offices participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, as of 31 December 2023, is available in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 25 January 2024 (page 24 *et seq.*).

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				
AL General Directorate of Industrial Property (GDIP) (Albania)	<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

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SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau that, due to technical upgrades in the Office's electronic filing systems, it will not be open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on the following days:

Thursday 2 May and Friday 3 May 2024,
Monday 6 May to Friday 10 May 2024 (inclusive), and
Monday 13 May 2024.

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 shall expire on the next subsequent day on which 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>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

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 June 2024, are CHF 76, EUR 78 and USD 84, respectively.

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

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

FI Finland

The **Government of the Republic of Finland** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the address of the VTT Culture Collection (VTTCC), an international depositary authority under the *Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure* with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made.

The address of the authority is now as follows:

VTT Culture Collection (VTTCC)
VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland
Tekniikantie 21
Espoo
Finland

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

ES Spain

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

Location and mailing address: Paseo de la Castellana 75
28046 Madrid
Spain

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has specified the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**—in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Israel Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the USPTO—as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the USPTO or the receiving Office of International Bureau of WIPO, in English, by nationals or residents of the United States of America, with effect since 6 March 2024.

This specification shall apply for a period of eight years, until 5 March 2032.

During this eight-year period, the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines will act as International Searching Authority provided that it has not received more than 75 international applications from the USPTO during any fiscal quarter, and as International Preliminary Examining Authority provided that the above conditions have been met and it has carried out the international search.

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

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IN India

The **Indian Patent Office (Chennai)** 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 Monday, 4 December 2023 and Tuesday, 5 December 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 Wednesday, 6 December 2023.

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>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

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 July 2024, are CHF 83 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 391 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 July 2024, are CHF 115 and CHF 184 (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*]

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 July 2024, are as follows:

International filing fee:	USD	1,457
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	110
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	USD	219
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	USD	329

[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 July 2024, is USD 219.

[Updating of Annexes E(CL), E(EA), E(EG), E(IN), E(PH), E(RU) and E(US) 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 (version 5.15): unavailable from 27 March 2024, 19:20 CET (Central European Time) until 28 March 2024, 10:04 CET.

Applicants who did not meet a time limit fixed in the Regulations under the PCT 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, pages 253 *et seq.*

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

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

and on the WIPO website at:

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

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EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** 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) – with effect from 1 July 2024, the Office will discontinue the use of its facsimile services and will no longer accept the filing of international applications and other documents by means of facsimile (fax).

In addition, patent applications or other documents transmitted by fax to the EPO on or after 1 July 2024 will be deemed not to have been received. For further details, refer to the EPO's *Official Journal* OJ EPO 2024, articles A41 and A42.

[Updating of Annex B(EP) 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 a change in the location of its Customer Service Window, which is now as follows:

Location:	Customer Service Window Knox Building, Room 1D80 501 Dulany Street Alexandria VA 22314 United States of America
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[Updating of Annex B(US) 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 July 2024, are as follows:

Search fee:	CHF 1,826
Reduced search fee for natural persons and legal entities:	CHF 365 (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 285 (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 July 2024, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD 110
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD 55
	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 July 2024, are CHF 548, or CHF 183 where the applicant is a small entity.¹

[Updating of Annex D(PH) 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 July 2024, are CHF 1,990 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, CHF 796 for a small entity, and CHF 398 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) 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.

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

PT Portugal

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13bis.7(b), the **Government of the Portuguese Republic** has notified² 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 25 April 2024, as follows:

Bacteria Culture Collection of the University of Coimbra (UCCCB)
Specialized microbiology laboratories of the University of Coimbra
Rua da Matemática, nº 49, Prédio do Patronato, 3º Piso
3000-276 Coimbra
Portugal

² The full text of Budapest Notification N° 362 is available on the WIPO website at:
https://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/treaties/notifications/details/treaty_budapest_362

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SG Singapore

Further to the notification published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 18 April 2024 (page 80), the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau that, due to ongoing technical upgrades in the Office's electronic filing systems, it was also not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from Tuesday 14 May to Thursday 16 May 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 was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period shall expire on the next subsequent day on which 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>

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EA Eurasian Patent Organization

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 July 2024, are CHF 88 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 391 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 July 2024, are CHF 109, or CHF 27 in the case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution.

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

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EXCUSE OF DELAY UNDER PCT RULE 82^{quater}.1: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES, AUTHORITIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU UNDER PCT RULE 82^{quater}.1(d)

BR Brazil

Pursuant to the state government Decree No. 57,596 of 1 May 2024 and the Federal Legislative Decree No. 36 of 7 May 2024 concerning natural calamity in the Brazilian state of Rio Grande do Sul, and in accordance with PCT Rule 82^{quater}.1(d), the **National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (Brazil)** has notified the International Bureau that it shall waive the need for evidence for excuse of delay under PCT Rule 82^{quater}.1(a), where a time limit fixed in the PCT Regulations for performing an action before it, between 24 April and 28 October 2024, is not met by an interested party residing, having a place of business or staying in the State of Rio Grande do Sul.

For additional information, refer to Ordinance No. 23 published in the *Revista da Propriedade Industrial* of 21 May 2024.

IB International Bureau of WIPO

In accordance with PCT Rule 82^{quater}.1(d) concerning waiver of the need for evidence for excuse of delay under PCT Rule 82^{quater}.1(a), the **International Bureau** hereby notifies that it shall waive the need for evidence for excuse of delay where a time limit fixed in the PCT Regulations for performing an action before it is not met by an interested party residing, having a place of business or staying in the state of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, and the party submits a statement that the failure to meet the time limit was due to the natural calamity in the Brazilian state of Rio Grande do Sul referred to in the *Revista da Propriedade Industrial* of the National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (Brazil) of 21 May 2024.

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MODIFICATIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with Offices, Authorities, and certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system, pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to Sections 305*bis*, 308, 707 and 804 of the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT* were promulgated¹ with effect from 1 July 2024.

The main purposes of these modifications are:

- (i) to implement the amendments to the Regulations under the PCT that will enter into force on July 1, 2024² (Sections 305*bis* and 308);
- (ii) to reflect the amendments to the Schedule of Fees that entered into force on 1 July 2015³ (Section 707); and
- (iii) to align the text of the Administrative Instructions with the current practice of the International Bureau concerning third party observations (Section 804).

The full text of the Administrative Instructions as in force from 1 July 2024 (PCT/AI/24) is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/

TEXT OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (as in force from 1 July 2024)

Section 305*bis* **Preparation, Identification and Transmittal** **of the Copies of the Translation of the International Application** **under Rules 12.3, 12.4 and 26.3*ter*(e)**

(a) [No change]

(a-*bis*) Where a translation of the description or the claims or any part thereof is furnished under Rule 26.3*ter*(e), the receiving Office shall:

(i) be responsible for the prompt preparation of any additional copies required where the translation is furnished in less than the number of copies required for the purposes of this paragraph, and shall have the right to fix a fee for performing that task and to collect such fee from the applicant;

(ii) mark the words “RECORD COPY – TRANSLATION (RULE 26.3*ter*(e))” in the upper left-hand corner of the relevant page(s) of the original copy of the translation and transmit that copy to the International Bureau;

¹ Refer to Circular C. PCT 1668, dated 21 May 2024.

² Refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 30 November 2023, page 223 *et seq.*

³ Refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 12 February 2015, page 28 *et seq.*

(iii) mark the words “SEARCH COPY – TRANSLATION (RULE 26.3*ter*(e))” in the same space on one additional copy of the translation which, together with a copy of the request marked “SEARCH COPY” under Section 305(a)(ii), is considered pursuant to Rule 23.1(b) to be the search copy, and transmit such search copy together with the rest of the search copy to the International Searching Authority; and

(iv) mark the words “HOME COPY – TRANSLATION (RULE 26.3*ter*(e))” in the same space on the other such copy of the translation, and keep that copy together with the rest of the home copy in its files.

(b) The receiving Office may, when marking the copies of the translation under paragraph (a) or paragraph (a-*bis*), use, instead of the words referred to in that paragraph, the equivalent of those words in the language of publication of the international application.

(c) [*No change*]

Section 308
Marking of the Sheets
of the International Application and of the Translation
thereof under Rules 12.3, 12.4, 20.2, 20.4 and 26.3*ter*

(a) [*No change*]

(b) The receiving Office shall indelibly mark the international application number referred to in Section 307 in the upper right-hand corner of each sheet of each copy of the purported international application and of any translation of the international application furnished under Rule 12.3, 12.4, or 26.3*ter*(a) or (e).

(c) [*No change*]

(d) [*No change*]

Section 707
Calculation of International Filing Fee and Fee Reduction

(a) [*No change*]

(a-*bis*) [*No change*]

(b) Item 4(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the Regulations shall apply to reduce the fees payable in respect of an international application filed in electronic form with a receiving Office which has notified the International Bureau under Section 710(a) that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form or which has decided to receive such an application in accordance with Section 703(d).

Section 804
Notification of Receipt of an Observation to the Applicant and
Comments by the Applicant in Response to an Observation

(a) The International Bureau shall notify the applicant if any third party observations are received in relation to an international application.

(b) [*No change*]

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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 August 2024, is SGD 1,454.

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

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2024, is JPY 260,200.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the maintenance fee component of its national fee, payable in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** to the Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, with effect from 29 July 2024. This amount, payable in respect of each one-year period and due at the time of entry into the national phase, where that entry is effected on or after the 2nd or possibly 3rd anniversary of the international filing date, is CAD 56.21 if the applicant is a small entity.

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

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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AT Austria

Agreement between the Federal Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ - Amendment to Annex D

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2024.

Consequently, as from 1 July 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))	1,845 ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,845 ²
Supplementary search fees (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[no change]
– of only European and North American documentation	[no change]
– of only German-language documentation	[no change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[no change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[no change]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[no change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 45 <i>bis</i> .7(c), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	[no change]

Part II. [No change]

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

² This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Rua Mayrink Veiga 9 20º andar Centro Rio de Janeiro RJ – CEP 20.090-910 Brazil
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[Updating of Annex B(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

QA Qatar

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

E-mail:	malnoaimi@moci.gov.qa falnotawa@moci.gov.qa patent-ip@moci.gov.qa
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[Updating of Annex B(QA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2024, are EUR 1,845 each.

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2024, are EUR 841 for international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3³, and EUR 994 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*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** 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.

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

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

GB United Kingdom

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

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:

— the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii):

Where the applicant requests publication earlier than 16 months from the priority date, not later than that request

— any additional indications:

At the time of filing

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, refer to https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf

Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Office:

The specification of the application as filed must contain such relevant information as is available to the applicant on the characteristics of the biological material.

Additional information

Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom) with any depositary institution anywhere in the world. It is the responsibility of the applicant to select the depositary institution with which they wish to make their deposit and to ensure that samples of the biological material deposited will be made available in accordance with Rule 13(1) and Schedule 1 of the *UK Patents Rules 2007*. The applicant may give notice in writing to the International Bureau before technical preparations for publication of the international application are completed that a sample should be made available only to an expert (preferably by using Form PCT/RO/134).

WARNING: Where the invention involves the use of or concerns biological material which is not available to the public at the date of filing the application and which has been deposited by a person other than the applicant, the applicant must supply the following within 16 months from the priority date (or, if earlier, not later than a request for early publication):

- (i) the name and address of the depositor; and
- (ii) a statement by the depositor authorising the applicant to refer to the deposited material in the application and giving the depositor's irrevocable authorisation for the deposited material to be made available to the public in accordance with Schedule 1 to the *UK Patents Rules 2007*.

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

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **Korean won (KRW)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, **US dollars (USD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Austrian Patent Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2024, are CHF 1,758, KRW 2,713,000, SGD 2,671, USD 1,974 and ZAR 36,230, respectively.

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES, INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES AND INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89bis.1(d) and 89bis.2, and in accordance with Sections 703, 710(a) and (b), and 713 of the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT*, the **Canadian Intellectual Property 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 concerning the filing and processing of international applications in electronic form, as published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 29 January 2015 (page 19 *et seq.*) and subsequently modified in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 29 April 2021 (page 89).

Consequently, with effect since 1 July 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 (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

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

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

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

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

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

- ePCT-Filing (download file only – upload and submission via CIPO website (<https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/canadian-intellectual-property-office>))

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available through the ePCT software. Online payment by credit card or deposit account is possible through the Office's website (<https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/canadian-intellectual-property-office>).

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

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions relating to the uploading and submission of the international application through its website. The help desk will be available between 8.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (+866) 997 19 36 (toll-free within Canada and the United States of America) or (+819) 934 05 44 (international)
- by facsimile at: (+819) 953 24 76
- via e-mail at: ic.contact-contact.ic@ised-isde.gc.ca
- through the Office’s website: <https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/canadian-intellectual-property-office>

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

- international applications

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

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

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

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

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (<https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/canadian-intellectual-property-office>).

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)

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

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

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

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CL Chile

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its telephone number, which is now as follows:

Telephone: (56-2) 28 87 04 00

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

LU Luxembourg

The **Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its email address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: bpp@eco.etat.lu

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2024, are EUR 293 for international applications filed online and EUR 439 for international applications filed on paper.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

LU Luxembourg

The **Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the fees payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office—there are now no fees payable to the Office for the preparation and transmittal of the priority document under PCT Rule 17.1(b).

In addition, the Office clarified its requirements concerning the waiver of power of attorney: the Office has waived the requirements to submit a separate power of attorney and a copy of a general power of attorney.

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

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 can 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:

https://www.wipo.int/en/web/das/participating_offices/index

PE Peru

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, both as a depositing and as an accessing Office, with effect since 1 July 2024.¹

[Updating of Annex B(PE) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

¹ https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=13932

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2024, are CHF 272 for international applications filed online and CHF 407 for international applications filed on paper.

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

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 July 2023, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): ISK 20,300

Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): ISK 5,400

Fee for requesting restoration of the
right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)): ISK 48,700

[Updating of Annex C(IS) 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 2024, are as follows:

International filing fee: JPY 237,500

Fee per sheet in excess of 30: JPY 2,700

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

Electronic filing (the request,
description, claims and abstract
being in character coded format): JPY 53,600

Handling fee: JPY 35,700

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. These amounts, also applicable from 1 September 2024, are CHF 801 for international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3¹ and CHF 946 for international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 July 2023, are as follows:

National fee:

Application fee ²	ISK 76,000
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10 ³	ISK 4,900
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation ⁴	ISK 20,500
Total annual fees for the first three years ⁵	ISK 36,000

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

¹ 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, refer to https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf

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

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

⁴ Where the basic national fee has been paid within the applicable time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the prescribed translation may be filed within a further period of two months, provided that it is accompanied by the additional fee.

⁵ These fees are payable within two months after performing the acts for entering the national phase. Payment can still be made, together with a 20% surcharge for late payment, before the expiration of the sixth month after the month containing the anniversary of the international filing date.

**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”)⁶ as a “collecting Office” may, via the International Bureau, transfer the following fees and differences to another Office (the “beneficiary Office”), for PCT purposes:

- **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**⁷ (PCT Rule 16.1(e)).

Between 1 April and 30 June 2024 (inclusive),⁸ 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				
BA Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

⁶ The term “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”).

⁷ 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.

⁸ The complete list of Offices participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, as of 31 December 2023, is available in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 25 January 2024 (page 24 *et seq.*). The list of additional Offices that have notified their participation between 1 January and 30 April 2024 is available in the *Official Notifications (PCT Gazette)* of 11 April 2024, page 78.

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GR Greece

The **Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)** has clarified the conditions for the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means of communication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the Office accepts the filing of all kinds of documents by means of facsimile.

In addition, the Office requires that the original of the document be furnished in all cases.

Furthermore, the Office clarified its requirements concerning provisional protection after international publication, as follows:

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

- After international publication or, where that publication was in a language other than one of the official languages of the EPO, after publication by the EPO of the international application translated into one of its official languages, the applicant may, as from the date of publication in the Greek Industrial Property Official Gazette of a notification that a translation of the claims in Greek has been filed with OBI, claim damages and request the description and seizure of the articles infringing the patent and anything used in the making thereof.

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

HR Croatia

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

Facsimile machine: (385-1) 6109 660

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

SA Saudi Arabia

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

Telephone: (966-11) 280 59 76
(966-11) 280 59 84
(966-11) 280 63 22

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

GR Greece

The **Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning the requirements for representation before the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, as follows:

- an agent is not required if the applicant has a residence or principal place of business in Greece;
- an agent is required if the applicant has neither a residence nor principal place of business in Greece.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

LU Luxembourg

The **Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg)**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* (Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27). The Office now requires the following:

- name and country indication from address of the inventor, if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application;
- deed of assignment of the priority rights, where the applicants are not identical;
- appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in the European Economic Area.

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

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

GR Greece

The **Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has provided the International Bureau with a clarification about the waivers of a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c). The Office continues to require that a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted.

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

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UG Uganda

The **Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)** has clarified the provisions of its national legislation concerning restrictions to the filing of international applications with foreign Offices.

Pursuant to Section 15 of the Industrial Property Act, 2014, persons resident in Uganda are required to seek written authorization to file outside Uganda if such filing is less than six weeks from the filing of a national application.

Additionally, pursuant to Section 14, an application that has been deemed to contain information prejudicial to security of Uganda or safety of the public may not be filed as an international patent application.

[Updating of Annex B(UG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CY Cyprus

The **Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the languages in which international applications may be filed pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a) – it no longer accepts Greek.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a modification concerning the number of copies of an international application required by it if the application is filed on paper – one copy must be filed instead of three.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified the International Bureau of additional details concerning:

— the filing of paper documents with the Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office: documents for entry into the national phase filed on paper are only accepted if received by mail. Refer to the Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 253/19 of 13 November 2019 and Official Ordinance No. 22/21 of 29 March 2021 for further details.

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

EXCUSE OF DELAY UNDER PCT RULE 82^{quater}.1: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES, AUTHORITIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU UNDER PCT RULE 82^{quater}.1(d)

IB International Bureau of WIPO

In accordance with PCT Rule 82^{quater}.1(d) concerning waiver of the need for evidence for excuse of delay under PCT Rule 82^{quater}.1(a), the **International Bureau**, including in its role as receiving Office hereby notifies that it shall waive the need for evidence for excuse of delay where a time limit fixed in the PCT Regulations for performing an action before it was not met due to the global computer outage that began on July 19, 2024.

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IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified an additional email address, which is as follows:

roin.ipa@nic.in

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

IT Italy

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

Location address: 22, Via Quattro Fontane
00184 Roma
Italy

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the category of applicants to which fees, payable to it as receiving Office, are applicable.

With effect since 15 March 2024, “educational institution(s)” has been added to the former applicant category of “natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies).” Consequently, since this date, the applicant category established by the Office should read: “natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies) or educational institution(s).”

In addition, the Office has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) up to 30 pages, in **Indian rupees (INR)**, and payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

	<i>Natural person(s) or start-up(s) or small entity(ies) or educational institution(s)</i>	<i>Other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies) or educational institution(s)</i>
Fee for priority document ¹ up to 30 pages:		
– paper transmission:		
for an application filed electronically:	INR 1,000	INR 5,000
for an application filed on paper:	INR 1,100	INR 5,500

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the address of the Office's website from which to obtain a list of registered patent agents, as follows:

<https://iprsearch.ipindia.gov.in/AgentRegister/>

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the category of applicants to which components of the national fee, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, are applicable.

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

With effect since 15 March 2024, “educational institution(s)” has been added to the former applicant category of “natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies).” Consequently, since this date, the applicant category established by the Office should read: “natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies) or educational institution(s).”

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning the address of the Office’s website at which the Office’s fee schedule is available, as follows:

https://ipindia.gov.in/writereaddata/Portal/ev/schedules/Schedule_1.pdf

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

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

KR Republic of Korea

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of several changes to its notification concerning the filing and processing of international applications in electronic form.

Consequently, the following notification will replace the previous notifications published in the PCT Gazette No. 51/2003, of 18 December 2003, pages 29020 *et seq.*; No. 24/2004, of 10 June 2004, page 13496; No. 06/2005, of 10 February 2005, pages 3766 *et seq.* Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 24 December 2014, page 201 and of 28 September 2017, page 139 *et seq.*:

“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)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

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

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5.1 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- filing by means of CD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e))

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
- NK-Editor software
- NKEAPS, PKEAPS software

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

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

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

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

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form.

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

Online payment is available on KIPO's website (<http://www.patent.go.kr>) and Internet giro (<http://www.giro.or.kr>). Applicants can check the total of fees that are due and pay them via the websites.

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

Within the framework of its service for the electronic filing of international applications, the Office has put in place a help desk: the Patent Customer Consulting Center. The task of this help desk is to answer questions from users of the service for the electronic filing of international applications and subsequent documents, and in particular to serve as a technical Hotline in order to help applicants whenever bugs and other technical problems relating to the software are encountered.

This help desk is open from Monday to Friday, from 9 am until 6 pm. The Patent Customer Consulting Center may be contacted:

- by phone at (national) 1544-8080

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

- international applications
- any subsequent document, such as amendments, corrections or rectifications of the description or claims, that may be prepared with the NKEAPS, PKEAPS 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 electronic systems when an international application is to be filed with the Office, the applicant may use the Domestic Emergency Application System and submit documents to the website the Office provides (see <https://www.patent.go.kr/>).

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the System and filing procedures.

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 <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 the ePCT private services.”

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

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 Wednesday and Thursday, 24 and 25 July 2024.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on the next working day, Friday, 26 July 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>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2024, is KRW 2,037,000.

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

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2024, is JPY 315,400.

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

JP Japan

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2024, are USD 905 for international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3¹ and USD 1,069 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*]

KR Republic of Korea

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee in **Australian dollars (AUD)** have been established for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2024, are AUD 487 for international applications filed in Korean or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and AUD 1,299 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*]

¹ 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, refer to https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf

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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 2025, 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 2025, 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))	2,317.68
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,317.68
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,158.84
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,158.84
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2) in electronic form	
(a) for the first 7 megabytes, plus	[no change]
(b) for each additional 10 megabytes or part thereof exceeding the first 7 megabytes	[no change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page (paper)	[no change]

Part II. [No change]

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

The Office has also notified a change concerning how to obtain copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3) or the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2).

Requests for copies of these documents should now be sent to the following e-mail address:

cipopbpctpractice-opicpratiquepctdb@ised-isde.gc.ca

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of the provisions of its national legislation concerning restrictions to the filing of international applications with foreign Offices by applicants who are natural or legal persons having a residence or principal place of business in Hungary.

Pursuant to Article 53(5) of the *Act XXXIII of 1995 on the Protection of Inventions by Patents, Government Decree 142/1996 (IX.2.)* and *Act LXV of 1995*, the restrictions apply to applications which may be of interest for national defence or security unless priority of an earlier application filed at the HIPO is claimed.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2024, are USD 300 for international applications filed online and USD 450 for international applications filed on paper.

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

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2025, is CAD 434.30.

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

The Office also notified new amounts of fees, in Canadian dollars (CAD), payable to it in its capacity as International Searching Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 January 2025, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	CAD	2,317.68
Additional search fee ² (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	CAD	2,317.68

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

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of fees, in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 January 2025, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	CAD	1,158.84
Additional preliminary examination fee ³ (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	CAD	1,158.84

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

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the transmittal fee, in **Colombian pesos (COP)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These new amounts, applicable since 26 March 2024, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):		
– electronic filing:	COP	326,000
– paper filing:	COP	431,000

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

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

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

MU Mauritius

The **Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM)** has specified the Austrian Patent Office – in addition to the Australian Patent Office and the European Patent Office (EPO) – as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 September 2024 with IPOM or with the receiving Office of 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 from 1 January 2025, are as follows:

National fee:

Basic national fee: ⁴	CAD	579.42 (234.90) ⁵
Fee for reinstatement of rights (late entry into the national phase):	CAD	289.19

The Office has also notified a new amount of the maintenance fee component of its national fee, payable in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** to the Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, also with effect from 1 January 2025. This amount, payable in respect of each one-year period and due at the time of entry into the national phase, where that entry is effected on or after the 2nd or possibly 3rd anniversary of the international filing date, is CAD 125, or CAD 58.68 if the applicant is a small entity.

Furthermore, the Office has notified additional details concerning requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49*ter*.2). The Office does not accept requests under PCT Rule 49*ter*.2 but does, as a designated Office, accept requests for restoration of the right of priority under subsection 28.4(6) of the Canadian Patent Act and section 77 of the Canadian Patent Rules.

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

⁴ Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

⁵ 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).

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national fee,⁶ in **Colombian pesos (COP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable since 26 March 2024, are as follows:

For a patent:	Online	On paper
Filing fee:	COP 107,000	COP 132,500
Annual fees:		
– for the 1 st to the 4 th year, per year:	COP 351,500 (522,500) ⁷	COP 422,000 (627,000) ⁷
For a utility model:		
– Filing fee:	COP 95,000	COP 116,500

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⁶ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable fee amount.

⁷ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of late payment within a grace period of six months from the due date.

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BE Belgium

The **Belgian Intellectual Property Office (IPObel)** has notified the International Bureau that the name of the Office is as follows:

Name of Office: Belgian Intellectual Property Office
(IPObel)

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

LA Lao People's Democratic Republic

The **Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Science and Technology (Lao People's Democratic Republic)** has notified a new time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Articles 22(1) and 39(1)(a). This time limit, applicable since 30 March 2023, is 30 months from the priority date.

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

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

BE Belgium

Following notification of participation in DAS as an accessing Office with effect since 1 November 2020, in accordance with paragraph 10 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Belgian Intellectual Property Office (IPObel)** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office, with effect from 1 September 2024.¹

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¹ For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11660

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CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified the International Bureau of the deletion of the facsimile number from its contact means, as well as changes in its location and mailing address, and to its telephone number. In addition, the Office also notified an alternate address for its correspondence and filing service, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Carrera 13 No. 27-00, Piso 3 Bogotá D.C. Colombia
Correspondence and filing service:	Av. Carrera 7 Nos. 31a - 36, Piso 3 Bogotá D.C. Colombia
Telephone:	(57-601) 587 00 00

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

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau that it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Thursday and Friday, 8 and 9 August 2024.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on the next working day, Monday, 12 August 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 was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Wednesday 28 August 2024.

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 the next working day, Thursday, 29 August 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>

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of the discontinuation of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), with effect from 1 October 2024.

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

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 November 2024, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CAD	2,120
Fee per sheet in excess of 30 sheets:	CAD	24
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	CAD	319
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	CAD	478
Handling fee:	CAD	319

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2024, is CHF 1,393.

[Updating of Annex C(CA), D(CA) and E(CA) 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 November 2024, is CHF 70.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2024, is JPY 296,600.

[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 November 2024, are CHF 101, or CHF 25 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), 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 November 2024, are USD 992 for international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3¹, and USD 1,173 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*]

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts of fees 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 the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2024, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NOK	16,550
Fee per sheet in excess of 30 sheets:	NOK	190

¹ 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, refer to https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf

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

Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	NOK	2,490
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	NOK	3,730

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

CN China

The **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau of an update to the requirements for representation before the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, with effect since 20 January 2024, as follows:

- an agent is required if the applicant has no habitual residence or business office in the Chinese mainland;
- an agent is not required if the applicant has a habitual residence or business office in the Chinese mainland.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CN China

The **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the reference to a Rule of the Implementing Regulations of the Chinese Patent Law in the note concerning the time limits applicable for entry into the national phase. The revised note now reads as follows:

The time limit may be extended by two months, provided the applicant pays the prescribed fee (PCT Article 48 and Implementing Regulations of Chinese Patent Law, Rule 120).

The Office has also notified, with effect since 26 July 2024, changes to the conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, which are now as follows:

The filing fee and the additional filing fee for an international application entering the national phase shall be exempted, when the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) acts as the receiving Office and the International Searching Authority.

No examination fee is payable if the international search report and the international preliminary report on patentability have been issued by the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA).

A refund of 50% of the examination fee may be requested where the application has entered the substantive examination stage and the application is voluntarily withdrawn prior to the expiration of the time limit for responding to the first examination opinion (except when a response has already been submitted).

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change to its special requirement (under PCT Rule 51*bis*) concerning the instrument of assignment of the international application, with effect since 20 January 2024. The consolidated list of special requirements under the aforementioned 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
- If necessary, the documents certifying that the applicant as changed is entitled to the application
- Appointment of an agent
- Evidence concerning exceptions to lack of novelty if the applicant claims such exceptions in respect of the international application
- Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

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

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

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

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 24 August 2023, page 163. In particular, the Office has clarified the name of the electronic filing software to be used for the filing of international applications in electronic form.

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

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

- Patent Business Processing System

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

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified³ the International Bureau of a depository institution having acquired the status of international depository 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 29 August 2024, as follows:

Collection of Eubiotic and Epiphytic Microorganisms (CEEM)
Kuban State Agrarian University named after I.T.Trubilin
13 Kalinina Street
Krasnodar, 350044
Russian Federation

³ The full text of Budapest Notification N° 363 is available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/treaties/notifications/details/treaty_budapest_363

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AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **Australian dollars (AUD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable from 1 October 2024, as follows:

Filing fee:

- Where the following preferred means are used: Online Services (eServices) or Business to Business (B2B)¹: AUD 400
- Where other means such as mail or at a counter are used¹: AUD 600

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

IN India

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 **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2024, are EUR 108, or EUR 27 in the case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution.

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

IN India - Corrigendum

The indication of “an individual” as the category of applicants to which one of the new equivalent amounts of the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office** applies, published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 September 2024 (page 144), was incorrect. The correct indication is “a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution.”

¹ For more information, see <https://www.ipaustralia.gov.au/patents/timeframes-and-fees#fx-tabs-0-panel-0>

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

GR Greece

The **Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)**, 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 19 September 2024, 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)):

- Front Office (GR epatents)
- 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 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: (+30-210) 618 36 67 and (+30-210) 618 35 20
- by e-mail at: epct@obi.gr

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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>)
- 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(GR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MU Mauritius

The **Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM)**, 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 1 November 2024, 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 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: (230) 260 28 11
- by e-mail at: ipom@govmu.org

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://foreign.govmu.org/Pages/Industrial_Property_Office/Industrial-Property-Office.aspx)

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(MU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2024, are ZAR 39,000 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 15,600 for a small entity, and ZAR 7,800 for a micro entity.

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

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

CO Colombia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of several changes to its notification concerning the filing and processing of international applications in electronic form.

Consequently, the following notification replaces the previous notifications published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 19 November 2015, pages 184 *et seq.*:

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)

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by e-mail at: dirnuecreaciones@sic.gov.co

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 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.sic.gov.co).

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 the ePCT private services.

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

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REVISED LISTS OF STATES MEETING THE CRITERIA REFERRED TO IN ITEMS 5(a) AND 5(b) OF THE PCT SCHEDULE OF FEES

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation by means of Circular C. PCT 1670 of 25 June 2024, a revised version of the lists of States meeting the criteria referred to in items 5(a) and 5(b) of the PCT Schedule of Fees, in accordance with the Directives¹ for updating these lists, has been established.

The revised lists of States meeting those criteria, with effect from 1 January 2025, are as follows:

(1) States meeting the criterion referred to in item 5(a) of the PCT Schedule of Fees:

(i) States that are PCT Contracting States:

Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Eswatini, Gabon, Gambia (the), Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Türkiye, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

(ii) States that are not PCT Contracting States:

Afghanistan, Argentina, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Micronesia (Federated States of), Guyana, Haiti, Kiribati, Lebanon, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, Pakistan, Palau, Paraguay, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Sudan, Suriname, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen.

¹ As adopted by the Assembly of the PCT Union at its forty-sixth (27th extraordinary) session and published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 February 2015 (page 33).

(2) States meeting the criterion referred to in item 5(b) of the PCT Schedule of Fees:

(i) States that are PCT Contracting States:

Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Djibouti, Gambia (the), Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Togo, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia.

(ii) States that are not PCT Contracting States:

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Haiti, Kiribati, Myanmar, Nepal, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Sudan, Timor-Leste, Tuvalu, Yemen.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified the International Bureau of the deletion of one of its telephone numbers. The remaining available telephone number is as follows:

Telephone: (49-89) 2195-1000

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** and **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2024, are EUR 272 and CHF 256 for international applications filed online and EUR 408 and CHF 383 for international applications filed on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) 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 December 2024, are as follows:

Search fee:	EUR 1,798
Reduced search fee for natural persons and legal entities:	EUR 360 (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 270 (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*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2024, are EUR 896 for international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3², and EUR 1,059 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*]

² 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, refer to: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf

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 December 2024, are EUR 539, or EUR 180 where the applicant is a small entity.³

[Updating of Annex D(PH) 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 December 2024, are as follows:

International filing fee:	USD	1,575
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD	18
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request not being in character coded format):	USD	118
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	USD	237
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	USD	355

[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*]

³ 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.

In addition, 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 December 2024, are EUR 1,960 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, EUR 784 for a small entity and EUR 392 for a micro entity.

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

Furthermore, 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 December 2024, is USD 237.

[Updating of Annexes E(CL), E(EA), E(EG), E(IN), E(PH), E(RU) and E(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the Internet address at which paper copies of cited US patents and US patent application publications cited in search reports, written opinions or international preliminary examination reports in international applications can be purchased online, which is now as follows:

Internet: <https://certifiedcopycenter.uspto.gov/index.html>

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office (JPO)** has notified the International Bureau of the provisions of its national legislation concerning restrictions to the filing of international applications with foreign Offices, applicable to inventions made in Japan, with effect since 1 May 2024.

Pursuant to Article 78 of the *Act on the Promotion of Ensuring National Security through Integrated Implementation of Economic Measures*, the restrictions apply to applications for inventions belonging to a field of technology specified by Cabinet Order according to the International Patent Classification, etc., that could, if made public, undermine the security of the nation and its citizens through external actions.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IB International Bureau of WIPO

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)** have been established, with effect from 1 December 2024, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD	118
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD	59
	Supplement for airmail:	USD 12

[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 December 2024, are CHF 507, or CHF 169 where the applicant is a small entity.¹

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

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **new lei (RON)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2025, are as follows.

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	RON	498	
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RON	100	plus copying costs

[Updating of Annex C(RO) 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 December 2024, are CHF 1,841 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, CHF 736 for a small entity, and CHF 368 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) 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.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BH Bahrain

The **Directorate of Foreign Trade & Industrial Property, National Patent Office (Bahrain)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of national fees in case of filing by an individual, in **Bahraini dinars (BHD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 22 September 2023, are as follows:

For patent:	(Companies)	(Individuals)
Filing fee: ²	[No change]	BHD 40
Second annual fee:	[No change]	[No change]
Publication fee:	[No change]	BHD 50
For utility model:		
Filing fee:	[No change]	[No change]

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BH) 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”)³ as a “collecting Office” may, via the International Bureau, transfer the following fees and differences to another Office (the “beneficiary Office”), for PCT purposes:

- **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**⁴ (PCT Rule 16.1(e)).

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

³ The term “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”).

⁴ Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

Between 1 July and 30 September 2024 (inclusive),⁵ 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				
UZ Intellectual Property Agency under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan	n/a	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

⁵ The complete list of Offices participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, as of 31 December 2023, is available in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 25 January 2024 (pages 24 *et seq.*). The lists of additional Offices that have notified their participation between 1 January and 31 March 2024 and between 1 April and 30 June 2024 are available in the *Official Notifications (PCT Gazette)* of 11 April 2024, page 78 and 11 July 2024, page 115, respectively.

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UY Uruguay

On 7 October 2024, **Uruguay** deposited its instrument of accession to the *Patent Cooperation Treaty* (PCT) and will become bound by the PCT on **7 January 2025**. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 7 January 2025 will automatically include the designation of Uruguay (country code: UY).

Furthermore, as from 7 January 2025, nationals and residents of Uruguay will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

The instrument of accession to the PCT deposited by Uruguay contains a declaration under PCT Article 64(1)(a) that it is not bound by the provisions of Chapter II of the PCT.

[Updating PCT Contracting States of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AM Armenia

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

Location and mailing address: 5/1 M. Mkrtchyan
0010 Yerevan
Armenia

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

HN Honduras

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Honduras)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its location and mailing address and to its e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address: Centro Cívico Gubernamental
Boulevard Juan Pablo
Tegucigalpa
Honduras

E-mail: patentes@ip.gob.hn
Yilda.madrid@ip.gob.hn

[Updating of Annex B(HN) 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 December 2024, are as follows:

Search fee:	CHF 1,689
Reduced search fee for natural persons and legal entities:	CHF 338 (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 253 (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*]

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 can 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:

https://www.wipo.int/en/web/das/participating_offices/index

KH Cambodia

In accordance with paragraph 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Department of Industrial Property (DIP), Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation (MISTI) (Cambodia)** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS as an accessing Office, with effect from 1 March 2025.¹

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

¹ For details, refer to https://www.wipo.int/en/web/das/participating_offices/search-details?territoryId=90

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

ME Montenegro

The **Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism (Montenegro)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to the name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Name of Office: Ministry of Economic Development
(Montenegro)

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Russian roubles (RUB)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 5 October 2024, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): RUB 2,000

Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): RUB 3,000

Fee for requesting restoration
of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)): RUB 2,000

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in components of the national fee, in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 5 October 2024. The consolidated list of the said components is now as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee: ¹	RUB 4,000
Examination fee: ²	
– for one independent claim:	RUB 14,000
– for each independent claim in excess of one:	RUB 10,000
Annual fee for the sixth year:	RUB 3,000

For a utility model:

Filing fee: ¹	RUB 2,000
Annual fee for the sixth year:	RUB 3,000

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change to its conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fees – with effect since 5 October 2024, the 30% reduction of the filing fee, the examination fee and the reinstatement fee, where the application and all required documents are filed online, is no longer applicable.

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

¹ 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.

² Where the request for substantive examination is filed upon entry into the national phase.

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

RU Russian Federation

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

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) and (3) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to its Annex D, Part I, with effect from 5 October 2024.

Consequently, with effect since 5 October 2024, the amended Annex D reads as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Russian roubles)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	
– for an application in English	45,000
– for an application in Russian	9,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	
– for an application in English	45,000
– for an application in Russian	9,000
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	12,000
Supplementary search fee for a search in accordance with paragraph 3(3) of Annex B, where a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv)	19,000
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	[no change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	
– for an application in English	18,000
– for an application in Russian	5,000

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-ru.pdf

– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	
– for an application in English	26,000
– for an application in Russian	7,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	
– for an application in English	21,000
– for an application in Russian	6,000
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	
– for an application in English	25,000
– for an application in Russian	7,000
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	4,000
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	5,000
Cost of copies (except for documents transmitted to the applicant along with the international search report or preliminary examination report) (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b))	
– patent document, per page	[no change]
– non-patent document, per page	[no change]
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	[no change]

Part II. [No change]

SA Saudi Arabia

At its fifty-fifth (24th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 6 to 14 July 2023, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) appointed the **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** as an International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) under the PCT (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette), dated 30 November 2023, pages 223 *et seq.*).

The Office has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to start functioning as an ISA and IPEA with effect from 15 December 2024.

The Agreement between the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization in relation to the functioning of the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, will enter into force on 15 December 2024.

This Agreement is set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Chinese Yuan Renminbi (CNY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2024, is CNY 14,310.

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

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Russian roubles (RUB)**, payable to the Office as International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable since 5 October 2024, are as follows:

Search fee

(PCT Rule 16.1(a))

- for searches carried out in English: RUB 45,000
- for searches carried out in Russian: RUB 9,000

Additional search fee

(PCT Rule 40.2(a))

- for searches carried out in English: RUB 45,000
- for searches carried out in Russian: RUB 9,000

Supplementary search fee

(Rule 45bis.3(a)):

RUB 12,000

Supplementary search fee for a search in accordance with paragraph 3 of Annex B, where a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv):

RUB 19,000

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b))

- for examination carried out in English: RUB 18,000 (26,000)

The amount in parentheses is payable when the international search report was not prepared by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)

- for examination carried out in Russian: RUB 5,000 (7,000)

The amount in parentheses is payable when the international search report was not prepared by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)

Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a))

- for examination carried out in English: RUB 21,000 (25,000)

The amount in parentheses is payable when the international search report was not prepared by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)

- for examination carried out in Russian: RUB 6,000 (7,000)

The amount in parentheses is payable when the international search report was not prepared by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)

Protest fee
(PCT Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e)): RUB 4,000

Late furnishing fee for sequence listings
(PCT Rules 13^{ter}.1(c), 13^{ter}.2 and
45^{bis}.5(c)): RUB 5,000

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

CN China

Further to the notifications published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 29 October 2020 (page 223), 6 October 2022 (page 276) and 26 October 2023 (page 194) regarding the pilot project between the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** and the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, the CNIPA has notified the International Bureau that, pursuant to the consensus reached by the CNIPA and the EPO, applicants who file an international application with the CNIPA as receiving Office and select the EPO as International Searching Authority shall pay the international search fee to the CNIPA, in **Chinese Yuan Renminbi (CNY)**, from 1 December 2024.

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

AGREEMENT

between the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

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

Preamble

The Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

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

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

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

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

Article 2 Basic Obligations

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

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

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

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

Article 3 Competence of Authority

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

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

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

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

Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

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

Article 5
Fees and Charges

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

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

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

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

Article 6
Classification

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

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

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

Article 8 International-Type Search

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

Article 9 Entry into Force

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

Article 10 Duration and Renewability

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

Article 11 Amendment

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

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

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

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

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

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

Article 12 Termination

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

- (i) if the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property written notice to terminate this Agreement.

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

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *Geneva*, this 11th day of July two thousand and twenty-three, in two originals in the English and Arabic languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Saudi Authority for Intellectual
Property by:

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

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
 - so far as Article 3(1) is concerned: any Contracting State;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned: any Contracting State.Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - Arabic and English.

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

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

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

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Saudi Arabian Patent Law.

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Saudi Riyal)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	600
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i> .2
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	600
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	400
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	100
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	3

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

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

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

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search, 25 to 75% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search.

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

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

**Annex E
Classification**

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

**Annex F
Languages of Correspondence**

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

Arabic and English, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated.

**Annex G
International-Type Search**

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

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

GH Ghana

The **Registrar General's Department (Ghana)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its e-mail address and its Internet address, as follows:

E-mail:	info@rgd.gov.gh ip@rgd.gov.gh
Internet:	https://rgd.gov.gh/Patent.html

In addition, the Office has modified its requirements concerning the time when the name and address of the inventor must be provided if Ghana is designated (or elected), as follows:

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

[Updating of Annex B(GH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IR Islamic Republic of Iran

The **Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its location and mailing address, and to its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Mellat Building, Phayazbakhsh Ave. Imam Khomeini Square Tehran 1114678111 Islamic Republic of Iran
Telephone:	(98-21) 6392 3361
Facsimile:	(98-21) 6675 1799

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2024, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	12.31 (online)
	EUR	24.60 (on paper)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	18.46 (electronic copy)
	EUR	49.19 (paper copy)
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR	184.49 (request filed online)
	EUR	368.98 (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 fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 July 2024, are as follows:

National fee: ¹		
For a patent:		
Filing fee: ²	EUR	123.00 (online)
	EUR	246.00 (on paper)
For a utility model:		
Filing fee: ²	EUR	215.24 (online)
	EUR	430.48 (on paper)

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

¹ 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.

² Includes publication and examination.

Furthermore, the Office has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(d)), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 July 2024, are EUR 184.49 where the request is filed online and EUR 368.98 where the request is filed on paper.

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PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following consultations undertaken by the Director General of WIPO in October 2024, 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 2025, 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, any 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 the **prescribed currencies of receiving Offices** for all International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 January 2025, 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)** for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, also with effect from 1 January 2025, as indicated in table 3 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows the supplementary search fees fixed by the Authorities, as well as the new equivalent amounts of those fees in Swiss francs (CHF).

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), (HR), (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,

Annexes E(AT), (AU), (CA), (CL), (CN), (EA), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (IL), (IN), (JP), (KR), (PH), (RU), (SE), (SG), (UA), (US), (XN) and (XV)]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RU Russian Federation

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 **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2024, are CHF 81, EUR 86 and USD 95 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 403, EUR 429 and USD 473 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, applicable since 5 October 2024, are CHF 107 and CHF 170 (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*]

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 2025, **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 2025,
18 and 21 April 2025,
29 May 2025,
9 June 2025,
1 August 2025, and
25 and 31 December 2025.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** (including in its capacity as receiving Office) 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>

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2025)

International Searching Authority	ISA/AT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR		ISA/CA		Current amount New amount
	EUR	Exch. Rate	AUD	Exch. Rate	BRL	Exch. Rate	CAD	Exch. Rate	
Reference currency & amount	1,845		2,200		2,525		2,317.68		
Exchange rates applicable on October 7, 2024									
CHF - Swiss franc	1,758	1.06519	1,287	1.72117	383 ¹	6.37918	1,393 ²	1.58813	1,459
USD - US dollar	1,974	0.91098	1,407	1.47200	450	5.45566	1,631	1.35822	1,706
EUR - Euro	2,025		1,495		463		1,549		1,555
AUD - Australian dollar			1,336	1.61583	408 ¹	5.98877	1,49094		
CNY - Yuan renminbi			1,362		422				
DKK - Danish krone									
GBP - Pound sterling									
HUF - Hungarian forint									
ISK - Icelandic krona									
JPY - Japanese yen									
KRW - Korean won	2,713,000	0.00068	2,037,000	0.00110					
NOK - Norwegian krone	2,713,000		2,000,000						
NZD - New Zealand dollar									
SEK - Swedish krona			2,357	0.90508					
SGD - Singapore dollar	2,671	0.69915	1,930	1.12971					
TRY - Turkish Lira	2,639		1,947						
ZAR - South African rand	36,230	0.05236	26,920	0.08461					
	35,240		26,000						

1. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2024.
2. Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2024.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2025)

International Searching Authority	ISA/CL			ISA/CN		ISA/EA		ISA/EG		ISA/EP			
	USD	2,000	400	300	CNY	2,100	RUB	40,000	9,000	EGP	4,000	EUR	1,845
Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate				Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate			Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate	
Exchange rates applicable on October 7, 2024													
CHF - Swiss franc	1.689 ³ 1,710	338 ³ 342	253 ³ 257	263 254	8.26173	391 356	112.35955	80 80	70 ⁴ 71	56.59310	71 71	1.06519	1,751 1,732
USD - US dollar				288 297	7.06568	441 416	96.09326	99 94	84 83	48.40011	83 83	0.91098	1,989 2,025
EUR - Euro	1.798 ³ 1,822	360 ³ 364	270 ³ 273	273 271	7.75611	406 379	105.48315	91 85	78 75	53.12960			Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar													Current amount New amount
CNY - Yuan renminbi													14,310 ³ 14,310
DKK - Danish krone													0.12893 0.13410
GBP - Pound sterling													13,750 13,760
HUF - Hungarian forint													1,570 1,548
ISK - Icelandic krona													715,100 744,000
JPY - Japanese yen													274,600 274,100
KRW - Korean won													296,600 ⁴ 300,000
NOK - Norwegian krone													20,880 21,510
NZD - New Zealand dollar													0.08578 0.08578
SEK - Swedish krona													3,253 3,294
SGD - Singapore dollar													0.56073 0.56073
TRY - Turkish Lira													20,750 20,980
ZAR - South African rand													2,675 2,639
													Current amount New amount
													37,470 35,240

3. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2024.

4. Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2024.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2025)

International Searching Authority	ISA/ES		ISA/FI		ISA/IL		ISA/IN		
	EUR	Exch. Rate	EUR	Exch. Rate	ILS	Exch. Rate	INR	Exch. Rate	
Reference currency & amount	EUR	1,845	EUR	1,845	ILS	3,962	INR	10,000	2,500
Exchange rates applicable on October 7, 2024									
CHF - Swiss franc	1,751	1,751	1,751	1,751	964	964	101 ⁵	101 ⁵	25 ⁵
	1,06519	1,732	1,06519	1,732	4,42850	895	98,23193	102	25
USD - US dollar	1,989	1,989	1,989	1,989	1,066	1,066	120	120	30
	0,91098	2,025	0,91098	2,025	3,78739	1,046	84,01081	119	30
EUR - Euro					974	974	108 ⁵	108 ⁵	27 ⁵
					4,15748	953	92,22004	108	27
AUD - Australian dollar									Current amount
									New amount
CNY - Yuan renminbi									Current amount
									New amount
DKK - Danish krone									Current amount
									New amount
GBP - Pound sterling									Current amount
									New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint									Current amount
									New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona									Current amount
									New amount
JPY - Japanese yen								18,000	4,500
							0,56680	17,600	4,400
KRW - Korean won									Current amount
									New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone									Current amount
									New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar									Current amount
									New amount
SEK - Swedish krona									Current amount
									New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar									Current amount
									New amount
TRY - Turkish Lira									Current amount
									New amount
ZAR - South African rand									Current amount
									New amount

5. Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2024.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2025)

International Searching Authority	ISA/JP		ISA/KR		ISA/PH		ISA/RU		Current amount New amount
	JPY	169,000	KRW	1,200,000	USD	600	RUB	45,000	
Reference currency & amount		143,000		450,000		200		9,000	
Exchange rates applicable on October 7, 2024	Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		
CHF - Swiss franc	173.31023	946 975 825	1,562.50000	804 768 288	1.16928	507 ⁶ 513 171	112.35955	403 401 80	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	148.22010	1,173 ⁷ 992 ⁷ 965	1,336.29688	879 330 337			96.09326	473 468 94	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	162.70364	1,059 ⁶ 1,039 879	1,466.87500	835 313 307	1.09772	539 ⁶ 547 182	105.48315	429 427 85	Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar			907.81250	1,299 487 496					Current amount New amount
CNY - Yuan renminbi									Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone									Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling									Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint									Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona									Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen									Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.11092	1,304,000 1,289,000							Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone									Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar			821.64063	1,473 552 548					Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona									Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	113.75390	1,454 1,486	1,025.56250	1,206 452 439					Current amount New amount
TRY - Turkish Lira									Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand									Current amount New amount

6. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2024.

7. Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2024.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2025)

International Searching Authority	ISA/SE		ISA/SG		ISA/TR		ISA/UA		
	SEK	eq. 1,845 eur	SGD	2,240	TRY	eq. 1,845 eur	EUR	300 100	
Reference currency & amount			Exch. Rate				Exch. Rate		
<i>Exchange rates applicable on October 7, 2024</i>									
CHF - Swiss franc	1,751 1,732	1,751 1,732	1.52355 1,470	1,493 1,470	1,751 1,732	1,751 1,732	1.06519 1,732	289 282	96 94
USD - US dollar	1,989 2,025	1,989 2,025	1.633 1,719	1,633 1,719	1,989 2,025	1,989 2,025	0.97098 2,025	316 329	105 110
EUR - Euro	1,845 1,845	1,845 1,845	1.43031 1,566	1,550 1,566	1,845 1,845	1,845 1,845			
AUD - Australian dollar									
CNY - Yuan renminbi									
DKK - Danish krone	13,750 13,760	13,750 13,760							
GBP - Pound sterling									
HUF - Hungarian forint									
ISK - Icelandic krona	274,600 274,100	274,600 274,100							
JPY - Japanese yen				260,200					
KRW - Korean won			0.00879 254,800	260,200 254,800					
NOK - Norwegian krone	20,880 21,510	20,880 21,510	0.00098 2,286,000	2,218,000 2,286,000					
NZD - New Zealand dollar									
SEK - Swedish krona	20,750 20,980	20,750 20,980							
SGD - Singapore dollar									
TRY - Turkish Lira					61,090 69,360				
ZAR - South African rand									

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2025)

International Searching Authority	ISAUS		ISAXN		ISAXV	
	USD	eq. 1,845 eur	DKK	EUR	1,845	
Reference currency & amount	USD 2,180	872	436			
Exchange rates applicable on October 7, 2024	Exch. Rate			Exch. Rate		
CHF - Swiss franc	1,841 ⁸ 1,864	736 ⁸ 746	368 ⁸ 373	1,751 1,732	1,751 1,732	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	1.16928			1,989 2,025	1,989 2,025	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	1,960 ⁸ 1,986	784 ⁸ 794	392 ⁸ 397	1,845 1,845		Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar						Current amount New amount
CNY - Yuan renminbi						Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone				13,750 13,760		Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling						Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint					715,100 744,000	Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona			274,600 274,100			Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen						Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won						Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone			20,880 21,510			Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	3,652 3,546	1,461 1,418	730 709			Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona	0.61486					Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar			20,750 20,980			Current amount New amount
TRY - Turkish Lira						Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.05750	39,000 ⁹ 37,910	15,600 ⁹ 15,170			Current amount New amount
		7,800 ⁹ 7,580				Current amount New amount

8. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2024.

9. Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2024.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2025)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT		ISA/EP		ISA/FI		ISA/RU	
	EUR	CHF	EUR	CHF	EUR	CHF	RUB	CHF
Reference currency & Amount	850 ¹	1,190 ²	1,700 ³	1,845	1,845	1,845	12,000	19,000 ⁴
Exchange rate applicable on October 7, 2024	1.06519	798	1,117	1,596	Exch. Rate 1.06519	1,732	Exch. Rate 112.35955	169
CHF - Swiss franc								

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 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, 2025)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/SE	ISA/SG	ISA/TR	ISA/UA
Reference currency & Amount	SEK eq. 1,845 eur	SGD 2,240	TRY 500 ⁵ eq. 1,845 eur	EUR 60 ⁶ 70 ⁷ 90 ⁸ 90 ⁹
Exchange rate applicable on October 7, 2024	1,732	Exch. Rate 1.52355	12	Exch. Rate 1.06519
CHF - Swiss franc	1,732	1,470	1,732	56 66 84 84

5. For a search of only the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority.
6. 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).
7. For a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation.
8. For a search of only the European and North American documentation.
9. For a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2025)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/XN	ISA/XV
Reference currency & Amount	DKK 4000 ¹⁰ eq. 1,845 eur	EUR 550 ¹¹ 1,775
<i>Exchange rate applicable on October 7, 2024</i> CHF - Swiss franc	503 1,732	<i>Exch. Rate</i> 1.06519 516 1,666

10. For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

11. For a search of only the documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

SA Saudi Arabia

Further to the notification by the **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** that the Agreement between the Office and the International Bureau will enter into force on 15 December 2024 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 31 October 2024, pages 179 *et seq.*), information on the requirements of the Office functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, with effect from 15 December 2024, is given in Annexes D(SA) and E(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* respectively, as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

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 from Wednesday, 23 to Friday, 25 October 2024.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on the next working day, Monday, 28 October 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?lang=en>

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Annex D - International Searching Authority

International Searching Authority competent for the following Receiving Offices:	
SA	
Fees payable to the ISA:	
Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	
This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it.	
	228 CHF
	243 EUR
	1,000 SAR
	267 USD
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	
This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.	
	1,000 SAR
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	
	per page 3 SAR
How to obtain copies:	
The applicant receives, together with the international search report, a copy of each document cited in the report, free of charge. designated (elected) offices also receive a first set of copies, upon request, free of charge.	
Additional copies are available to applicants and designated (elected) offices by e-mail at: pct@saip.gov.sa	
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1 <i>ter</i>):	
	per page 3 SAR
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	
	400 SAR
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c)):	
	100 SAR

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Annex D - International Searching Authority (*Cont'd*)

<p>Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:</p> <p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded</p> <p>Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%</p> <p>Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search: refund of 25 to 75%, depending on the extent to which the Authority benefits from the earlier search</p>
<p>Languages accepted for international search:</p> <p>Arabic, English</p>
<p>Types of physical media accepted for the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings:</p> <p>None. Physical media are not accepted. Sequence listings must be filed in electronic form (refer to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, Annex C)</p>
<p>Subject matter that will not be searched:</p> <p>The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1, with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Saudi Arabian Patent Law</p>
<p>Waiver of power of attorney:</p> <p>Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90<i>bis</i>.1 to 90<i>bis</i>.4, also refer to International Phase, paragraph 11.048).</p> <p>Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?</p> <p>No</p> <p>Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?</p> <p>No</p>

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Annex E - International Preliminary Examining Authority

International Preliminary Examining Authority competent for the following Receiving Offices: SA	
Fees payable to the IPEA:	
Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.	600 SAR
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.	600 SAR
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (refer to Annex C(IB)).	237 USD
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	per page 3 SAR
How to obtain copies: The applicant receives, together with the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each additional document not cited in the international search report, free of charge. Additional copies are available to applicants and elected Offices by e-mail at: pct@saip.gov.sa	
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	per page 3 SAR
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	400 SAR
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	100 SAR

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Annex E - International Preliminary Examining Authority (*Cont'd*)

<p>Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:</p> <p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100%</p> <p>If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%</p>
<p>Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:</p> <p>Arabic, English</p>
<p>Subject matter that will not be examined:</p> <p>The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1, with the exception of any subject matter examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Saudi Arabian Patent Law</p>
<p>Are there any restrictions with regard to the competence of the Authority acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority?</p> <p>No</p>
<p>Waiver of power of attorney:</p> <p>Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90<i>bis</i>.1 to 90<i>bis</i>.4, also refer to International Phase, paragraph 11.048).</p> <p>Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?</p> <p>No</p> <p>Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?</p> <p>No</p>

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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FIFTY-SIXTH (32ND EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

At its fifty-sixth (32nd extraordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 9 to 17 July 2024 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;
- decided, having reviewed the criteria set out in item 5 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, that those criteria be maintained and reviewed again by the Assembly in five years' time, as required by that Schedule; and
- adopted modifications to the Directives for Updating the Lists of States Meeting the Criteria for Reduction of Certain PCT Fees.¹

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=81262

The aforementioned changes are outlined below.

Amendments to the Regulations under the PCT

The following amendments to the PCT Regulations were adopted by the PCT Assembly:

The amendments that will enter into force on 1 July 2025 concern the following PCT Rules:

- Amendments to PCT Rule 26 relate to international applications for which the abstract or text matter of the drawings is filed in a different language from the language of the description and claims. The amendments will allow the receiving Office to invite the applicant to furnish a translation of the abstract or text matter of the drawings into the language of publication under broader circumstances to ensure that the international application is published in a single language;
- Amendments to PCT Rule 89*bis* will allow an Office, other than the International Bureau, to require international applications or subsequently-filed documents to be submitted in electronic form only, or to require that any document submitted on paper is submitted again in electronic form within two months; and

¹ As adopted by the Assembly of the PCT Union at its forty-sixth (27th extraordinary) session and published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 February 2015 (page 33).

- Amendments to PCT Rule 92 will allow the International Bureau to correspond with applicants or Offices in any of the 10 languages of international publication for certain communications to be set out in future Administrative Instructions, instead of in either English or French only.

The amendments that will enter into force on 1 January 2026 are as follows:

- Amendments to PCT Rules 33 and 64 will broaden the definition of relevant prior art for international search and preliminary examination to include non-written disclosures.

The text of the amended Rules is reproduced hereafter.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 July 2025)

Rule 26
Checking by, and Correcting before, the Receiving Office
of Certain Elements of the International Application

26.1 to 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) into the language in which the international application is to be published, 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 (e) [No change]

Rule 89*bis*
Filing, Processing and Communication
of International Applications and Other Documents
in Electronic Form or by Electronic Means

89*bis*.1 *International Applications*

(a) International applications may, subject to paragraphs (b) to (e), be filed and processed in electronic form or by electronic means, in accordance with the Administrative Instructions.

(b) to (d) [No change]

(d-*bis*) A national Office or intergovernmental organization, other than the International Bureau, that has made a notification under paragraph (d) may notify the International Bureau that it will only receive international applications if they are filed in electronic form or by electronic means. The International Bureau shall publish a notification made under this paragraph in the Gazette.

(d-*ter*) A national Office or intergovernmental organization that has made a notification under paragraph (d) but not paragraph (d-*bis*) may notify the International Bureau that any application filed on paper must be resubmitted by electronic means within two months from the date of an invitation by such Office or organization. If corresponding documents are not timely received, the international application shall be considered withdrawn and the receiving Office shall so declare. The International Bureau shall publish a notification made under this paragraph in the Gazette.

(e) [No change]

89bis.2 *Other Documents*

Rule 89bis.1 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to other documents and correspondence relating to international applications, provided that, where a national Office or intergovernmental organization has made a notification under Rule 89bis.1(d-*ter*), any such documents or correspondence filed on paper and not resubmitted by electronic means within two months from the date of a corresponding invitation shall be disregarded.

89bis.3 [No change]

Rule 92 Correspondence

92.1 [No change]

92.2 *Languages*

(a) to (d) [No change]

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

92.3 and 92.4 [No change]

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 January 2026)

Rule 33
Relevant Prior Art for the International Search

33.1 *Relevant Prior Art for the International Search*

(a) For the purposes of Article 15(2), relevant prior art shall consist of everything which has been made available to the public anywhere in the world by any means which is capable of being of assistance in determining that the claimed invention is or is not new and that it does or does not involve an inventive step (i.e., that it is or is not obvious), provided that the making available to the public occurred prior to the international filing date.

(b) and (c) [No change]

33.2 and 33.3 [No change]

Rule 64
Relevant Prior Art for the International Preliminary Examination

64.1 *Prior Art*

(a) For the purposes of Article 33(2) and (3), everything made available to the public anywhere in the world by any means shall be considered prior art provided that such making available occurred prior to the relevant date.

(b) [No change]

64.2 *Non-Written Disclosures*

In cases where the making available to the public occurred by means of an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other non-written means (“non-written disclosure”) before the relevant date as defined in Rule 64.1(b) and the date of such non-written disclosure is indicated in a written disclosure which has been made available to the public on a date which is the same as, or later than, the relevant date, the international preliminary examination report shall call attention to such non-written disclosure in the manner provided for in Rule 70.9.

64.3 [No change]

Modification of Directives for Updating the Lists of States Meeting the Criteria for Reduction of Certain PCT Fees

The Assembly of the PCT Union adopted modifications to the Directives to refer to the session of the Assembly that is part of the annual series of meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO instead of a specific time during the year. The text is reproduced hereafter.

DIRECTIVES FOR UPDATING THE LISTS OF STATES
MEETING THE CRITERIA FOR REDUCTION OF CERTAIN PCT FEES

The Assembly establishes in the following terms the directives referred to in the Schedule of Fees, it being understood that, in the light of experience, the Assembly may at any time modify these directives:

1. Five years after the establishment of the first list of States which meet the criteria referred to in items 5(a) and (b) of the Schedule of Fees, and every five years thereafter, the Director General shall prepare draft lists of States which appear to meet the criteria referred to in:

(i) item 5(a) of the Schedule of Fees according to the most recent 10-year average per capita gross domestic product figures from the United Nations and according to the most recent five-year average yearly PCT filing figures by the International Bureau, respectively, published at least two weeks prior to the first day of the session of the Assembly of that year that is part of the annual series of meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO;

(ii) item 5(b) of the Schedule of Fees according to the most recent list of countries classified as least developed countries by the United Nations published at least two weeks prior to the first day of the session of the Assembly referred to in paragraph (i), above;

and shall make those lists available to the PCT Contracting States and States entitled to observer status in the Assembly for comment before the end of that session of the Assembly.

2. Following the end of that session of the Assembly, the Director General shall establish new lists, taking into account any comments received. The revised lists shall become applicable on the first day of the calendar year subsequent to that session and shall be used to determine, in accordance with Rules 15.3, 45*bis*.2(c) and 57.3(d), the eligibility for the fee reduction under items 5(a) and (b), respectively, of the Schedule of Fees of any relevant fee payable. Any revised list shall be published in the Gazette.

3. Where any State is not included in a particular list but subsequently becomes eligible for inclusion in that list due to the publication, after the expiration of the period of two weeks prior to the first day of the session of the Assembly referred to in paragraph 1, above, of revised per capita gross domestic product figures by the United Nations or revised PCT filing figures by the International Bureau, or of a revised list of States that are being classified as least developed countries by the United Nations, that State may request the Director General to revise the relevant list of States so as to include that State in the relevant list. Any such revised list shall become applicable on a date to be specified by the Director General, that date being no more than three months from the date of receipt of the request. Any revised list shall be published in the Gazette.

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 **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established, with effect from 1 January 2025, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR 107	USD 117
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 53	USD 58
Supplement for airmail:	EUR 11	USD [No change]

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

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has notified the International Bureau that the Office will accept **Saudi riyal (SAR)**, instead of **US dollar (USD)**, as the prescribed currency for the payment of the international filing fee to it in its capacity as receiving Office (PCT Rule 15.2(b)) and for the payment of the handling fee to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority (PCT Rule 57.2(b)), with effect from 15 December 2024.

Consequently, new equivalent amounts in **Saudi riyals (SAR)** 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 15 December 2024, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SAR	5,619
Fee per sheet in excess of 30 sheets:	SAR	63
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	SAR	845
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	SAR	1,267
Handling fee:	SAR	845

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

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

DE Germany

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 **German Patent and Trade Mark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 19 May 2022 (pages 132 *et seq.*) and 18 August 2022 (page 225).

Consequently, with effect from 1 January 2025, 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)):

For the DPMA*direktPro* filing software:

- online filing (according to OSCI protocol, see www.osci.de)

ePCT-Filing

Physical media (CD-R, CD-RW, DVD-R, DVD+R, DVD+RW, DVD-RW)

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

For DPMA*direktPro* filing software

- OSCI WASP (www.osci.de)

For ePCT-Filing:

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

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

- DPMA*direktPro* software
- ePCT-Filing

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

Basic signatures acceptable in the request:

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

Electronic signature for signing applicant package using DPMAdirektPro filing software:

- qualified electronic signature, as defined by paragraph 3, item 3 of the Ordinance on Electronic Legal Transactions with the German Patent and Trade Mark Office of 1 November 2013.

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)). It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the above mentioned means of transmittal or document packaging that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates, applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic or certain missing files are notified to the applicant by issuing an error report. 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. Online payment in this sense refers to payment systems provided within the filing software environment itself and does not cover general e-banking services. Only the methods of payment allowed by Section 1 of the Ordinance on Payment of Costs of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office and of the Federal Patent Court are available.

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

General customer help desk:

- by telephone at +49 89 2195 1000 (available between 8 am and 4 pm Monday through Thursday and 8 am to 2 pm Friday, Central European Time (CET))
- by email at info@dpma.de

Technical help for DPMAdirektPro

- by email at DPMAdirekt@dpma.de

General information about DPMAdirektPro is available at <https://www.dpma.de/english/services/efiling/index.html>

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

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, 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 not accept the filing of documents in pre-conversion format.

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

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (<https://www.dpma.de/english/index.html>).

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

Signatures accepted by DPMA are defined in paragraph 3 of the Ordinance on Electronic Legal Transactions with the German Patent and Trade Mark Office of 1 November 2013. Possible providers of signature cards can be searched via Trusted List Browser (URL: <https://esignature.ec.europa.eu/efda/tl-browser/#/screen/home>). Please note that the search has to be limited to German providers.

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

File inspection of published documents is possible via the online register <https://register.dpma.de/DPMAregister/Uebersicht?lang=en>. International applications filed via ePCT can also be accessed with the ePCT system.

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

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

DE Germany

In accordance with paragraph 10 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS as a depositing Office with effect from 25 November 2024.²

[Updating of Annex B(DE) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

² For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/en/web/das/participating_offices/search-details?territoryId=45

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendments to Annex D

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** 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 19 January 2025, consist of changes in the amounts of several fees payable to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in its capacity as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority.

With effect from 19 January 2025, 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))	2,400 ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,400 ²
Preparation of an international-type search report on a United States national application	43
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– where the international search fee has been paid on the international application to the Authority	705 ²
– where the international search was carried out by another Authority	880 ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	705 ²

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-us.pdf

² 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.

Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2))	345 ³
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3 and 71.2) ⁴	
– US patent, per copy	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2)	
– US patent, per copy	[No change]
– non-US patent document, per copy	27

Part II. [No change]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KZ Kazakhstan

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

Location and mailing address:	Mangilik Yel Avenue 57A 010000 Astana Kazakhstan
Internet:	http://www.qazpatent.kz http://www.adilet.gov.kz

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

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

³ Refer to footnote 2 above.

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.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2025, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	BYN	102.9
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	BYN	210

[Updating of Annex C(BY) 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 several fees, payable in **US dollars (USD)** to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority, from 19 January 2025, as follows:

			<i>Small entity</i>	<i>Micro entity</i>
Search fee ⁵ (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	USD	2,400	960	480
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	USD	2,400	960	480
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1ter):				
- Non-US patent document, per copy:	USD	27	27	27
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.1(c)):	USD	345	138	69

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.

In addition, 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 fee⁶ for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, also applicable from 19 January 2025, as follows:

			<i>Small entity</i>	<i>Micro entity</i>
Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	CHF	2,137	855	427
	EUR	2,290	916	458
	NZD	4,104	1,642	821
	ZAR	43,370	17,350	8,670

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

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of several fees in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, also applicable from 19 January 2025, as follows:

			<i>Small entity</i>	<i>Micro entity</i>
Preliminary examination fee ^{7, 8} (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	USD	705	282	141
	(USD	880	352	176)
Additional preliminary examination fee ⁹ (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	USD	705	282	141
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):				
- Non-US patent document, per copy:	USD	27	27	27
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ter .2):	USD	345	138	69

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

⁶ Refer to footnote 2 above.

⁷ 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.

⁸ The amounts in parentheses are payable when the international search was not carried out by the USPTO.

⁹ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

RECEIVING OFFICES

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** 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 a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office in its capacity as receiving Office - any natural person resident in Kazakhstan may now act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(KZ) 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 components of the national fee,^{10, 11} in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office and applicable from 1 January 2025, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:	BYN	102.9
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	44.1
Examination fee:	BYN	499.8
Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	294
Annual fee for the third year:	BYN	102.9

For utility model:

Filing fee:	BYN	205.8
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	102.9

¹⁰ For residents of Belarus, the payment of fees shall be effected in Belarusian roubles in accordance with the rate of the base value.

¹¹ 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.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change to its conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fees – with effect from 1 January 2025, the examination fee is reduced by 50% where an international search report or an international preliminary examination report has been established and submitted to the Office.

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

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the names of components of the national fee as well as the percentage amount of the surcharge to be paid for a patent and utility model payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The new text for these changes is as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee and fee for formal examination:

KZT 20,320.16 (must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) or within two months from the date of entry into the national phase. This time limit can be extended by two months, provided that a surcharge of 11% is paid. Fees for electronic and paper filing were amended to be equal by Order of the Director of the NIIP No. 254 dated 23 December 2020.)

Fee for substantive examination:

KZT 66,959.20

Annual fees for the first three years:

KZT 20,320.16 per year

For utility model:

Filing fee:

KZT 16,450.56 (must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) or within two months from the date of entry into the national phase. Fees for electronic and paper filing were amended to be equal by Order of the Director of the NIIP No. 254 dated 23 December 2020.)

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY A RECEIVING OFFICE AND INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and in accordance with Sections 703, 710(b) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search, and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 18 March 2021, pages 51 *et seq.* (as modified in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 30 June 2022, pages 165 *et seq.*, 18 August 2022, page 225 and 19 May 2023, pages 117 *et seq.*).

In particular, as from 1 January 2025, the EPO will no longer provide for and thus accept the filing of international applications and other documents and correspondence relating to international applications using EPO Web-Form Filing.

From 1 January 2025, 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, ePCT-Filing, EPO Online Filing 2.0 (with integrated ePCT-Filing) and the EPO Contingency Upload Service.

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

EXCUSE OF DELAY UNDER PCT RULE 82*quater*.1: NOTIFICATION BY AN OFFICE, AUTHORITY OR THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU UNDER PCT RULE 82*quater*.1(d)

ES Spain

Pursuant to the Royal Decree-Law 6/2024 of 5 November 2024 concerning natural calamity in various municipalities of Spain, and in accordance with PCT Rule 82*quater*.1(d), the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau that it shall waive the need for evidence for excuse of delay under PCT Rule 82*quater*.1(a), where a time limit fixed in the PCT Regulations for performing an action before it, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, between 28 October and 4 November 2024, is not met by an interested party having its domicile or registered office in one of the municipalities included in the Annex to Royal Decree-Law 6/2024, of 5 November 2024 (refer to: <https://www.boe.es/buscar/act.php?id=BOE-A-2024-22928>).

**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 2025, 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 2025 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. 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday, 22-Jan-2025	Thursday 23-Jan-2025	Tuesday 28-Jan-2025	Friday 31-Jan-2025
2	February	Jan. 2025	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 19-Feb-2025	Thursday 20-Feb-2025	Tuesday 25-Feb-2025	Friday 28-Feb-2025
3	March	Feb. 2025	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 20-Mar-2025	Friday 21-Mar-2025	Wednesday 26-Mar-2025	Friday 28-Mar-2025
4	April	Mar. 2025	PCT/ISA fee	Tuesday 22-Apr-2025	Wednesday 23-Apr-2025	Monday 28-Apr-2025	Tuesday 29-Apr-2025
5	May	Apr. 2025	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 21-May-2025	Thursday 22-May-2025	Monday 26-May-2025	Tuesday 27-May-2025
6	June	May 2025	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 19-Jun-2025	Friday 20-Jun-2025	Wednesday 25-Jun-2025	Friday 27-Jun-2025
7	July	June 2025	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 23-Jul-2025	Thursday 24-Jul-2025	Monday 28-Jul-2025	Wednesday 30-Jul-2025
8	August	July 2025	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 20-Aug-2025	Thursday 21-Aug-2025	Tuesday 26-Aug-2025	Friday 29-Aug-2025
9	September	Aug. 2025	PCT/ISA fee	Tuesday 23-Sep-2025	Wednesday 24-Sep-2025	Monday 29-Sep-2025	Tuesday 30-Sep-2025

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10	October	Sept. 2025	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 22-Oct-2025	Thursday 23-Oct-2025	Tuesday 28-Oct-2025	Friday 31-Oct-2025
11	November	Oct. 2025	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 20-Nov-2025	Friday 21-Nov-2025	Wednesday 26-Nov-2025	Friday 28-Nov-2025
12	December	Nov. 2025	PCT/ISA fee	Friday 12-Dec-2025	Monday 15-Dec-2025	Thursday 18-Dec-2025	Monday 22-Dec-2025

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KG Kyrgyzstan

The **State Agency of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzpatent)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its Internet address, as follows:

Internet: <http://patent.gov.kg>

[Updating of Annex B(KG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2025, are USD 277 for international applications filed online and USD 415 for international applications filed on paper.

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

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee, applicable from 1 January 2025 in **Israeli new shekels (ILS)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	ILS	640
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[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, 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 February 2025, is ILS 812.

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

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Serbian dinars (RSD)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. These new amounts, applicable since 1 August 2024, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): ¹	RSD 9,920	
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)): ¹	RSD 2,380	for the first document up to 10 pages
	plus RSD 590	for each subsequent document up to 10 pages
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)): ¹	RSD 3,990	

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

UA Ukraine

The **State Organization “Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations” (UANPIO)** has notified the International Bureau that, since 25 October 2024, the Office accepts English and Ukrainian as languages in which international applications may be filed (PCT Rule 12.1(a)), and English as the language in which the request may be filed (PCT Rule 12.1(c)).

The Office has also notified 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, also with effect since 25 October 2024.

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

¹ This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has 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 2025, is ILS 2,344.²

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

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of various components of its national fee, in **Serbian dinars (RSD)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable since 1 August 2024, are as follows:

Fee for reinstatement of rights: ³	RSD	4,960
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For patent:

Filing fee: ³	RSD	9,920
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Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10: ³	RSD	970
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Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	plus 50% of the filing fee
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Examination fee: ³	RSD	9,920
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Annual fee for the first three years: ³	RSD	13,910
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For petty patent:

Filing fee: ³	RSD	9,920
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Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	plus 50% of the filing fee
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[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (RS) 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.

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