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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

TT Trinidad and Tobago

The **Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)** has notified the International Bureau that the correct name of the Office is the following:

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Office, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)
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[Updating of Annex B1(TT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

HU Hungary

New equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	HUF 468,300
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	HUF 5,300
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	HUF 70,400
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	HUF 105,600

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **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 March 2022, are ZAR 34,760 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 17,380 for a small entity and ZAR 8,690 for a micro entity.

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

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 March 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	22,950
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	260
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	ZAR	3,450
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	ZAR	5,180

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

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

Since 1 July 2020¹ any PCT receiving Office (“RO”), International Searching Authority (“ISA”), Authority specified for supplementary international search (“SISA”), or International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”) may participate, as a “participating Office”, in the exchange of PCT fees from one Office (the “collecting Office”) to another (the “beneficiary Office”) via the International Bureau (“IB”) for PCT purposes (the “WIPO Fee Transfer Service”), pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2 and in accordance with the provisions set out in Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

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

- **international filing fee** (Rule 15.2(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of the International Bureau;
- **search fee** (Rule 16.1(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority;
- **supplementary search fee** (Rule 45*bis*.3(b)) collected by the International Bureau for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an Authority specified for supplementary search;
- **handling fee** (Rule 57.2(c) or (d)) collected by an International Preliminary Examining Authority for the benefit of the International Bureau; and
- **differences relating to the search fee** (Rule 16.1(e)) received by an Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority in a currency other than its fixed currency.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 For details, refer to the Report of the fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union), available on the WIPO website at:
https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/pct_a_51/pct_a_51_4.pdf

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 are part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for each participating Office³ as of 31 December 2021 (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, EG, GE, IB, IN, JO, KE, KR, MA, MX, OA, OM, PE, SG, 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, DZ, GH, KP, LR, LS, LY, SY, 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, IN, JO, KE, KR, MY, NZ, OM, SG, US, VN, ZA</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in AUD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/AU (BN, GH, ID, LR, PG, TH, ZW)</i>
AZ Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/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

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
BR National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EP, SE, US</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB, CO, CU, 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 (PA)</i>
BY National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, RU</i>	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 RO/IB, SA</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in CAD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/CA (BZ)</i>
CH Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property	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				
CL National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, ES, KR, US</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/CO, CR, CU, DO, IB, MX, PE, TT</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/CL (EC, PA, SV)</i>
CN China National Intellectual Property Administration (China)	Collecting RO	as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB, KE</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in CNY, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/CN (GH, KH, KP, LR, TH, ZW)</i>
CO Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, BR, CL, EP, ES, KR, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
CR Registry of Intellectual Property (Costa Rica)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/CL, EP, ES</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
CU Cuban Industrial Property Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, BR, CL, EP, ES, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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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
EA Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, RU</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</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, SY)</i>

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

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
FI Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, SE</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB</i>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: n/a <i>(specified only by participant RO/FI)</i>
FR National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
GB Intellectual Property Office (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

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
HR State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
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	as 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

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
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>
IN Indian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, 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/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

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

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
KR Korean Intellectual Property Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collects search fees for ISA/AT, AU, JP, SG</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/AU, CL, CO, IB, 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, ID, 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, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
MA Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EP, RU, SE</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
MD State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
ME Ministry of Economic Development, Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/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
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

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
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
PE National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, BR, CL, EP, ES, KR, US	n/a	n/a	n/a

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

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
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/EP</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/AZ, BG, BY, CO, CU, GE, IB, IR, KZ, LV, MA, MD, OA, RO, SA, US, 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, EA, ID, KG, KP, LT, MN, SY, TJ, TM, UA, UZ, ZW)</i>
SA Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/CA, EG, EP, 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

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

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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				
TN National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
TR Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)	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: n/a <i>(specified only by participant RO/TR)</i>
TT Intellectual Property Office, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, CL, EP, SE, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
UA National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)”	<i>(not yet participating as RO)</i>	as Collecting RO: <i>(not yet participating as RO)</i> Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB</i>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in USD (specified only by non-participating RO/UA)</i>

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

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
ZA Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, AU, EP, US	n/a	n/a	n/a

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

DZ Algeria

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

Telephone: (213-21) 73 59 39

E-mail: e-pct@inapi.org

In addition, the Office notified that it would accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1), provided that the delivery service is located in Algeria.

[Updating of Annex C(DZ) 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 **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2022, are CHF 275 when filing online, and CHF 412 when filing on paper.

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

DZ Algeria

The **Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau of the amount of the fee for priority document, in **Algerian dinars (DZD)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 25 December 2002, is as follows:

Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): DZD 400 per page

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

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2022, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	75.75
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	30.28

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

IL Israel

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2022, are CHF 1,078, EUR 1,041 and USD 1,174, respectively.

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

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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ES Spain

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

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex D, Part I, thereof. These amendments, which consist of changes to the amounts of the preliminary examination fee and the additional fee for international preliminary examination, will enter into force on 11 March 2022.

With effect from 11 March 2022, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change] ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change] ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	595.37 ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	595.37 ²
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]

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

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

SL Sierra Leone

The **Administrator and Registrar General's Department (Sierra Leone)** has notified the International Bureau of an e-mail address, as well as of a change to its telephone number, as follows:

Telephone: (232-76) 612 437

E-mail: elizaasacoh@yahoo.com

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

Furthermore, the Office notified that the provisions of the law of Sierra Leone concerning international-type search are available under Section 19 of the *Patents and Industrial Design Act, 2012*.

Finally, the Office specified its requirements concerning provisional protection after international publication, as follows:

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

- Relief may be sought in respect of acts committed before the grant of the patent but after the date on which international publication was effected in English. Where the international publication was effected in a language other than English, relief may be sought provided that the applicant had transmitted an English translation of the international publication to the infringer and only in respect of acts committed by the latter after he had received the translation. (Section 48 of the *Patents and Industrial Design Act, 2012*).

Where the designation is made for the purposes of an ARIPO patent:

- None

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

US United States of America

Due to inclement weather conditions, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Monday, 3 January 2022 and Friday, 7 January 2022.

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 Tuesday, 4 January 2022, or Monday, 10 January 2022, respectively.

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

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

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2022, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	BYN	78.40
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26 <i>bis</i> .3(d)):	BYN	67.20

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

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 11 March 2022, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee ³ (PCT Rule 58):	EUR	595.37
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ^{3, 4}	EUR	595.37

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

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

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

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,^{5, 6} in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2022, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:	BYN	78.40
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	33.60
Examination fee:	BYN	380.80
Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	224
Annual fee for the third year:	BYN	78.40

For utility model:

Filing fee:	BYN	156.80
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	78.40

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

NG Nigeria

The **Commercial Law Department (Patents and Designs Registry) (Nigeria)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **Nigerian nairas (NGN)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. The new amount is as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee:	NGN	25,000
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[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (NG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁵ For residents of Belarus, the payment of fees shall be effected in Belarusian roubles in accordance with the rate of the base value.

⁶ 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.

PE Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau of a new component of its national fee, in **Peruvian soles (PEN)**, as follows:

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee ⁷		[No change]
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Additional fee for each claim in excess of 10	PEN	23.43
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For utility model:

Filing fee ⁷		[No change]
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Additional fee for each claim in excess of 10	PEN	39.50
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[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

VN Viet Nam

The **Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam)** has notified the International Bureau of an extension of the temporary change concerning exemption, reduction or refund of the filing fee component of the national fee. For the period from 1 January to 30 June 2022, the amount of the national filing fee, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, is reduced by 50%.

For additional information, refer to Circular No. 120/2021/TT-BTC dated December 24, 2021 of the Ministry of Finance of Viet Nam.

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

⁷ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

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

TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, hereby notifies the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from April 1, 2022, as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by telephone at: (66-2) 547 4304
- by e-mail at: ro-th-pct@ipthailand.go.th

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.ipthailand.go.th)

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

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

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

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

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

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States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

IQ Iraq

On 31 January 2022, **Iraq** deposited its instrument of accession to the *Patent Cooperation Treaty* (PCT), and will become bound by the PCT on **30 April 2022**. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 30 April 2022 will automatically include the designation of Iraq (country code: IQ).

Iraq will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 30 April 2022.

Furthermore, as from 30 April 2022, nationals and residents of Iraq will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

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

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

JP Japan

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

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex D thereof. These amendments, which consist of changes to the amounts of the search fee (Rule 16.1(a)), additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)), preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)), additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) and the conditions for and extent of refunds or reductions of fees, will enter into force on 1 April 2022.

With effect from 1 April 2022, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

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

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Japanese yen)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	143,000 ²
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in English)	169,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	105,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in English)	168,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)) (for an application in Japanese)	34,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)) (for an application in English)	69,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	28,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in English)	45,000
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per request	[No change]

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

(1) [No change]

(2) The amount of either 57,000 Japanese yen (for an application in Japanese)³ or 67,000 Japanese yen (for an application in English) shall be refunded upon request by the applicant where the Authority benefits from one of the following earlier searches to a considerable extent:

(i) and (ii) [No change]

(3) and (4) [No change]

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

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2022, is JPY 17,000.

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

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of fees, in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2022 are as follows:

Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	143,000 ⁴
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in English)	169,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	105,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in English)	168,000

In addition, the Office has notified a change to the conditions for refund and amounts of refund of the search fee payable for an international search carried out by the Office, applicable from 1 April 2022. The consolidated list of these conditions and amounts will read as follows:

(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) The amount of either 57,000 Japanese yen (for an application in Japanese)⁵ or 67,000 Japanese yen (for an application in English) shall be refunded upon request by the applicant where the Authority benefits from one of the following earlier searches to a considerable extent:

(i) where the international application claims the priority of an earlier international application which has been the subject of an international search made by the Authority, the international search of the earlier international application;

⁴ This fee is reduced for (i) applications filed in Japanese or (ii) applications to which translations into Japanese have been furnished, for the purposes of International Search under Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as applicants who are small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises, and academic institutions. For further details on the eligibility, see https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/patent/pct/tesuryo/pct_keigen_shinsei.html.

⁵ The amount of any refund of search fees will be reduced where the fee reductions stated in footnote 3 are applicable.

(ii) the earlier search of a Japanese national application for a patent or for a utility model registration which was filed by the same applicant as that of the international application.

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

(4) As long as the refund of the search fee (in the case where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search) and the refund of the preliminary examination fee (in the case where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination) continue not to be compatible with the national law applicable to the Authority, the Authority may abstain from refunding those fees.

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

Lastly, the Office notified new amounts of fees, in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, from 1 April 2022, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)) (for an application in Japanese)	34,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)) (for an application in English)	69,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	28,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in English)	45,000

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

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

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

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

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

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

CA Canada

Following notification of participation in DAS as an accessing Office (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette), dated 28 November 2019, p. 188), in accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office, with effect since 1 February 2022.

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

IE Ireland

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Intellectual Property Office of Ireland** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as an accessing office, with effect from 17 February 2022.

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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FIFTY-THIRD (23RD ORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

At its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) approved the following changes affecting the PCT System:

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

Documents prepared for the 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=62980

The aforementioned changes are outlined below.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

The amendments to the PCT Regulations that were approved by the Assembly will enter into force on 1 July 2022 and are as follows:

- Amendments to PCT Rules 5, 12, 13^{ter}, 19 and 49, relate to implementation in the PCT of WIPO Standard ST.26 “Recommended Standard for the Presentation of Nucleotide and Amino Acid Sequence Listings using XML (eXtensible Markup Language)” and shall apply to any international application with an international filing date that is on or after 1 July 2022;
- Amendments to Rule 82^{quater}, relate to strengthening safeguards for applicants and third parties in the case of a general disruption that affects meeting time limits under the Regulations and shall apply to any time limit fixed in the Regulations that expires on or after 1 July 2022.

Appointment of the Eurasian Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT

- The Assembly appointed the Eurasian Patent Office as an International Searching Authority and an International Preliminary Examining Authority. The appointment will become effective from a date to be notified by the Office when it is ready to begin operations.

The text of the new and amended Rules is reproduced hereafter.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 July 2022)

Rule 5
The Description

5.1 [No change]

5.2 *Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosure*

(a) Where the international application contains disclosure of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences that, pursuant to the Administrative Instructions, are required to be included in a sequence listing, the description shall include a sequence listing part of the description complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions.

(b) Language-dependent free text included in the sequence listing part of the description shall not be required to be included in the main body of the description.

Rule 12
Language of the International Application
and Translations for the Purposes of International Search
and International Publication

12.1 *Languages Accepted for the Filing of International Applications*

(a) to (c) [No change]

(d) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), any language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description shall be filed in a language which the receiving Office accepts for that purpose. Any language accepted under this paragraph but not accepted under paragraph (a) shall meet the requirements of paragraph (b). The receiving Office may permit but shall not require the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language in accordance with the Administrative Instructions.

12.1*bis* to 12.2 [No change]

12.3 *Translation for the Purposes of International Search*

(a) [No change]

(a-*bis*) For any sequence listing part of the description, paragraph (a) shall only apply to the language-dependent free text; any translation of the language-dependent free text shall be provided in accordance with the Administrative Instructions.

(b) Paragraph (a) shall not apply to the request.

(c) to (e) [No change]

12.4 *Translation for the Purposes of International Publication*

(a) [No change]

(a-bis) For any sequence listing part of the description, paragraph (a) shall only apply to the language-dependent free text; any translation of the language-dependent free text shall be provided in accordance with the Administrative Instructions.

(b) Paragraph (a) shall not apply to the request.

(c) to (e) [No change]

Rule 13ter
Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Listings

13ter.1 *Procedure before the International Searching Authority*

(a) Where the international application contains disclosure of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences that, pursuant to the Administrative Instructions, are required to be included in a sequence listing, the International Searching Authority may invite the applicant to furnish to it, for the purposes of the international search, a sequence listing complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions, unless such listing is already available to it in a form, language and manner acceptable to it, and to pay to it, where applicable, the late furnishing fee referred to in paragraph (c), within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

(b) [Deleted]

(c) The furnishing of a sequence listing in response to an invitation under paragraph (a) may be subjected by the International Searching Authority to the payment to it, for its own benefit, of a late furnishing fee whose amount shall be determined by the International Searching Authority but shall not exceed 25% of the international filing fee referred to in item 1 of the Schedule of Fees, not taking into account any fee for each sheet of the international application in excess of 30 sheets.

(d) If the applicant does not, within the time limit fixed in the invitation under paragraph (a), furnish the required sequence listing and pay any required late furnishing fee, the International Searching Authority shall only be required to search the international application to the extent that a meaningful search can be carried out without the sequence listing.

(e) Any sequence listing not contained in the international application as filed, whether furnished in response to an invitation under paragraph (a) or otherwise, shall not form part of the international application, but this paragraph shall not prevent the applicant from amending the description in relation to a sequence listing pursuant to Article 34(2)(b).

(f) [Deleted]

13ter.2 and 13ter.3 [No change]

Rule 19
The Competent Receiving Office

19.1 to 19.3 [No change]

19.4 *Transmittal to the International Bureau as Receiving Office*

(a) Where an international application is filed with a national Office which acts as a receiving Office under the Treaty but

(i) that national Office is not competent under Rule 19.1 or 19.2 to receive that international application, or

(ii) that international application is not in a language accepted under Rule 12.1(a) or the language dependent free text contained within the sequence listing part of the description is not in a language accepted under Rule 12.1(d) by that national Office but is in a language accepted under that Rule by the International Bureau as receiving Office, or

(ii-*bis*) all or part of the international application is filed in electronic form in a format not accepted by that national Office, or

(iii) that national Office and the International Bureau agree, for any reason other than those specified under items (i), (ii) and (ii-*bis*), and with the authorization of the applicant, that the procedure under this Rule should apply, that international application shall, subject to paragraph (b), be considered to have been received by that Office on behalf of the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii).

(b) and (c) [No change]

Rule 49
Copy, Translation and Fee under Article 22

49.1 to 49.4 [No change]

49.5 *Contents of and Physical Requirements for the Translation*

(a) [No change]

(a-*bis*) No designated Office shall require the applicant to furnish to it a translation of any text matter contained in the sequence listing part of the description if such sequence listing part complies with Rule 12.1(d) and includes the language-dependent free text in a language which the designated Office accepts for the purpose, save that a designated Office which supplies published sequence listings to database providers may require a translation of the sequence listing part of the description into English, in accordance with the Administrative Instructions, where the language-dependent free text is not included in English.

(b) to (l) [No change]

49.6 [No change]

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

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

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

(b) and (c) [*No change*]

(d) The need for evidence may be waived by the Office, Authority or the International Bureau under the conditions set and published by that Office, Authority or the International Bureau, as the case may be. In such case, the interested party must submit a statement that the failure to meet the time limit was due to the reason for which the Office, Authority or the International Bureau waived the requirement concerning the submission of evidence. The Office or Authority shall notify the International Bureau accordingly.

82^{quater}.2 [No change]

82^{quater}.3 Extension of Time Limits due to General Disruption

(a) Any receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search, International Preliminary Examining Authority or the International Bureau may establish a period of extension such that time limits fixed in the Regulations within which a party has to perform an action before that Office, Authority or International Bureau may be extended when the State in which it is located is experiencing a general disruption caused by an event listed in Rule 82^{quater}.1(a) which affects the operations at the said Office, Authority or International Bureau thereby interfering with the ability of parties to perform actions before that Office, Authority or International Bureau within the time limits fixed in the Regulations. The Office, Authority or the International Bureau shall publish the commencement and the end date of any such period of extension. The period of extension shall not be longer than two months from the date of commencement. The Office or Authority shall notify the International Bureau accordingly.

(b) After establishing a period of extension under paragraph (a), the Office, Authority or the International Bureau concerned may establish additional periods of extension, if necessary under the circumstances. In that case, paragraph (a) applies *mutatis mutandis*.

(c) The extension of a time limit under paragraph (a) or (b) need not be taken into account by any designated or elected Office if, at the time the information referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) is published, national processing before that Office has started.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

JM Jamaica

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)**, **Korean won (KRW)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office** when an application has been filed in Japanese. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2022, are CHF 1,149, EUR 1,108, KRW 1,493,000 and USD 1,248, respectively.

Furthermore, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office** when an application has been filed in English. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2022, are CHF 1,358, EUR 1,310, SGD 1,991 and USD 1,475, respectively.

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

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JM JAMAICA JM

General information

Name of Office:	Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO)
Location and mailing address:	18 Trafalgar Road, Kingston 10, Jamaica
Telephone:	(876) 946 1300
E-mail:	info@jipo.gov.jm
Internet:	https://www.jipo.gov.jm
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by e-mail
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	No, only upon invitation
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Jamaica:	Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Jamaica is designated (or elected):	Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO)
May Jamaica be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models (utility models may be sought in addition to a patent)
Provisions of the law of Jamaica concerning international-type search:	Section 20(2)(b) of the Patents and Designs Act (Act No.1 of 2020)
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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

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

Information of interest if Jamaica is designated (or elected)

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

No

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MODIFICATIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation, pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), with Offices, Authorities, and certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system, modifications to Sections 204, 207, 208, 313, 332, 333, 335, 405, 513, 610, 707 and Annex C of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, were promulgated¹ with effect from 1 July 2022.

The main purpose of these modifications is to implement the new WIPO Standard ST.26 in the PCT as the means for presentation of nucleotide and amino acid sequences in international applications.

The text of the modifications to the Administrative Instructions as in force from 1 July 2022 (PCT/AI/22 ADD.) is available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/

TEXT OF MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS *(as in force from 1 July 2022)*

PART 2 **INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION**

Section 204 **Headings of the Parts of the Description**

- (a) The headings of the parts of the description shall preferably be as follows:
- (i) for matter referred to in Rule 5.1(a)(i), “Technical Field”;
 - (ii) for matter referred to in Rule 5.1(a)(ii), “Background Art”;
 - (iii) for matter referred to in Rule 5.1(a)(iii), “Disclosure of Invention” or “Summary of Invention”;
 - (iv) for matter referred to in Rule 5.1(a)(iv), “Brief Description of Drawings”;
 - (v) for matter referred to in Rule 5.1(a)(v), “Best Mode for Carrying out the Invention,” or, where appropriate, “Mode(s) for Carrying out the Invention” or “Description of Embodiments”;
 - (vi) for matter referred to in Rule 5.1(a)(vi), “Industrial Applicability”.
 - (vii) *[Deleted]*
 - (viii) *[Deleted]*
- (b) The heading “Title of Invention” shall preferably precede the title of the invention.

¹ Refer to Circular C. PCT 1636 of 9 February 2022.

Section 207
Arrangement of Elements and Numbering of Sheets of the International Application

(a) In effecting the sequential numbering of the sheets of the international application in accordance with Rule 11.7, the elements of the international application shall be placed in the following order:

- (i) the request;
- (ii) the description (excluding the sequence listing part of the description referred to in Rule 5.2(a));
- (iii) the claims;
- (iv) the abstract;
- (v) if applicable, the drawings.
- (vi) *[Deleted]*

Any sequence listing part of the description shall be presented in a separate electronic file in accordance with Annex C.

(b) The sequential numbering of the sheets shall be effected by using the following separate series of numbering:

- (i) the first series applying to the request only and commencing with the first sheet of the request;
- (ii) the second series commencing with the first sheet of the description (as referred to in paragraph (a)(ii)) and continuing through the claims until the last sheet of the abstract;
- (iii) if applicable, a further series applying to the sheets of the drawings only and commencing with the first sheet of the drawings; the number of each sheet of the drawings shall consist of two Arabic numerals separated by a slant, the first being the sheet number and the second being the total number of sheets of drawings (for example, 1/3, 2/3, 3/3).

Section 208
Sequence Listings

Any sequence listing, whether forming part of the international application or not forming part of the international application, shall comply with Annex C. Sequences and references to sequences included in the main part of the description, claims and drawings shall also comply with Annex C.

PART 3
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE RECEIVING OFFICE

Section 313
Documents Filed with the International Application;
Manner of Marking the Necessary Annotations in the Check List

(a) Any power of attorney, any priority document, any fee calculation sheet and any separate sheet referred to in Section 209(a) containing indications as to deposited biological material, filed with the international application shall accompany the record copy; any other document referred to in Rule 3.3(a)(ii) shall be sent only at the specific request of the International Bureau. If any document which is indicated in the check list as accompanying the international application is not, in fact, filed at the latest by the time the record copy leaves the receiving Office, that Office shall so note on the check list and the said indication shall be considered as if it had not been made.

(b) Where, under Rule 3.3(b), the receiving Office itself completes the check list, that Office shall enter, in the margin, the words “COMPLETED BY RO” or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application. Where only some of the indications are completed by the receiving Office, the said words and each indication completed by that Office shall be identified by an asterisk.

Section 332
Notification of Languages Accepted by the Receiving Office
under Rules 12.1(a), (c) and (d) and 12.4(a)

(a) Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages which, having regard to Rule 12.1(b), it is prepared to accept under Rule 12.1(a) for the filing of international applications.

(a-*bis*) Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description.

(b) Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of any change to the information notified under paragraphs (a), (a-*bis*), (d) and (e). If the change means that

(i) the receiving Office is no longer prepared to accept the filing of international applications in a language that it had previously notified the International Bureau that it was prepared to accept; or

(ii) the receiving Office is no longer prepared to accept the translation of international applications into a language of publication that it had previously notified the International Bureau that it was prepared to accept; or

(iii) the receiving Office is no longer prepared to accept the filing of requests in a language that it had previously notified the International Bureau that it was prepared to accept; or

(iv) the receiving Office is no longer prepared to accept the filing of the sequence listing part of the description containing language-dependent free text in a language that it had previously notified the International Bureau that it was prepared to accept,

the effective date of such change shall be two months after the date of publication of the notification of the change in the Gazette pursuant to Section 405 or such later date as may be determined by the receiving Office.

(c) Nothing in paragraph (a), (a-*bis*), (b), (d) or (e) prevents any receiving Office from accepting, in a particular case,

(i) the filing of an international application in a language that it has not notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept; or

(ii) the translation of an international application into a language of publication that it has not notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept; or

(iii) the filing of a request in a language that it has not notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept; or

(iv) the filing of the sequence listing part of the description containing language-dependent free text in a language that it has not notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept.

(d) Each receiving Office concerned shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages which it is prepared to accept under Rule 12.4(a) for the translation of international applications into a language of publication.

(e) Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages which it is prepared to accept under Rule 12.1(c) for the filing of requests.

Section 333 **Transmittal of International Application** **to the International Bureau as Receiving Office**

(a) Where a national Office intends to proceed under Rule 19.4(b) having regard to Rule 19.4(a)(i), (ii) or (ii-*bis*), it shall, if it requires payment of the fee referred to in Rule 19.4(b) and that fee has not already been paid, promptly invite the applicant to pay that fee within a time limit of 15 days from the date of the invitation.

(b) Where a national Office intends to proceed under Rule 19.4(b) having regard to Rule 19.4(a)(iii), it shall promptly request the International Bureau as receiving Office to agree to the transmittal of the international application. The International Bureau as receiving Office shall promptly respond to that request. If the International Bureau as receiving Office agrees to the transmittal, the national Office shall promptly invite the applicant:

(i) if the transmittal has not already been authorized by the applicant, to submit to that Office, within a time limit of 15 days from the date of the invitation, an authorization of the transmittal, and,

(ii) if the Office requires payment of the fee referred to in Rule 19.4(b) and that fee has not already been paid, to pay that fee within the time limit referred to in item (i).

(c) The national Office:

(i) need not proceed under Rule 19.4(b) having regard to Rule 19.4(a)(i) to (iii) if the Office requires payment of the fee referred to in Rule 19.4(b) and the applicant does not pay that fee;

(ii) shall not proceed under Rule 19.4(b) having regard to Rule 19.4(a)(iii) if the International Bureau as receiving Office does not agree to, or if the applicant does not authorize, the transmittal of the international application under Rule 19.4(a)(iii).

Section 335
Procedures Relating to Sequence Listings

(a) Sections 305*bis*, 308(b), 308*bis* to 310*ter* and 325 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to any sequence listing furnished as a separate electronic file in the relevant procedures, subject to paragraphs (b) to (d) and any special provisions set out in Annex C.

(b) Where the receiving Office receives a sequence listing on a physical medium, that Office shall physically label the medium with the words “SEQUENCE LISTING” together with other markings equivalent to those required for sheets filed or submitted according to Sections 308(b), 308*bis* to 310*ter* or 325, as the case may be, in accordance with the procedures in Annex C.

(c) The receiving Office shall keep the contents of any file received from the applicant representing a sequence listing unchanged. Any required annotation concerning the international application number or purpose for which the sequence listing was furnished shall be recorded in the filename or other metadata associated with the file in accordance with the procedures in Annex C.

(d) Where the receiving Office receives a sequence listing under Rule 13*ter* for the purposes of international search and any accompanying statement as set out in Annex C, it shall forward these to the International Searching Authority, together with the search copy or as soon as possible thereafter.

PART 4
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Section 405
Publication of Notifications of Languages
Accepted by the Receiving Office under Rules 12.1(a), (c) and (d) and 12.4(a)

The International Bureau shall promptly publish in the Gazette any notification under Section 332(a), (a-*bis*), (b), (d) or (e).

PART 5
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

Section 513
Sequence Listings

(a) *[Deleted]*

(b) Where the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority are based on a sequence listing not forming part of the international application but furnished for the purposes of the international search, the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority shall so indicate.

(c) Where a meaningful international search cannot be carried out and a meaningful written opinion, as to whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious) and to be industrially applicable, cannot be established because a sequence listing is not available to the International Searching Authority in the required form, language and manner, that Authority shall so state in the international search report or declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a), and in the written opinion.

(d) Where a sequence listing for the purposes of the international search is furnished on a physical medium, that Authority shall physically label that medium with the words "SEQUENCE LISTING NOT FORMING PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION" in accordance with the procedures in Annex C.

(e) The International Searching Authority shall:

(i) keep in its files one copy of any sequence listing which does not form part of the international application but was furnished for the purposes of the international search; and

(ii) transmit one copy thereof to the International Bureau together with the copy of the international search report. If that listing is furnished on a physical medium in less than the number of copies required by the International Searching Authority, that Authority shall be responsible for the preparation of the additional copy and shall have the right to fix a fee for performing that task and to collect such fee from the applicant.

(f) Each International Searching Authority shall notify the International Bureau of the means of transmittal of the sequence listing accepted by it in accordance with Annex F. The International Bureau shall promptly publish details of the notification in the Gazette.

PART 6
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY

Section 610
Sequence Listings

(a) Where the written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the international preliminary examination report is based on a sequence listing not forming part of the international application but furnished for the purposes of the international preliminary examination, the written opinion and the international preliminary examination report of the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall so indicate.

(b) Where a meaningful written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority cannot be established, or a meaningful international preliminary examination cannot be carried out, as to whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious) and to be industrially applicable, because a sequence listing is not available to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the required form, language and manner, that Authority shall so state in the written opinion and in the international preliminary examination report.

(c) Where a sequence listing for the purposes of the international preliminary examination is furnished on a physical medium, that Authority shall physically label that medium with the words "SEQUENCE LISTING NOT FORMING PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION" in accordance with the procedures in Annex C.

(d) The International Preliminary Examining Authority shall:

(i) keep in its files one copy of any sequence listing which does not form part of the international application but was furnished for the purposes of the international preliminary examination; and

(ii) transmit one copy thereof to the International Bureau, either immediately or together with the international preliminary examination report. If that listing is furnished on a physical medium in less than the number of copies required by the International Preliminary Examining Authority, that Authority shall be responsible for the preparation of the additional copy and shall have the right to fix a fee for performing that task and to collect such fee from the applicant.

(e) Each International Preliminary Examining Authority shall notify the International Bureau of the means of transmittal of the sequence listing accepted by it in accordance with Annex F. The International Bureau shall promptly publish details of the notification in the Gazette.

(f) Where the national Office or intergovernmental organization that acted as the International Searching Authority also acts as the International Preliminary Examining Authority, any sequence listing not forming part of the international application but furnished to that Office or organization for the purposes of the international search shall be considered to have been furnished to it also for the purposes of the international preliminary examination.

PART 7
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE FILING AND PROCESSING
IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS

Section 707
Calculation of International Filing Fee and Fee Reduction

(a) Where an international application is filed in electronic form, the international filing fee shall, subject to paragraph (a-bis), be calculated on the basis of the number of sheets that the application would contain if presented as a print-out complying with the physical requirements prescribed in Rule 11.²

(a-bis) Where the international application as filed contains an electronic file appearing to be a sequence listing in a file format compliant with WIPO Standard ST.26, the calculation of the international filing fee shall, in the calculation of the number of sheets, not take into account any material contained in such an electronic file.

(b) Item 4(b), (c) and (d) 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).

ANNEX C³
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE PRESENTATION OF NUCLEOTIDE
AND AMINO ACID SEQUENCE LISTINGS IN INTERNATIONAL PATENT
APPLICATIONS UNDER THE PCT

INTRODUCTION

1. In accordance with Rule 5.2(a), where the international application contains disclosure of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences that, pursuant to the Administrative Instructions, are required to be included in a sequence listing, the description shall include a sequence listing part of the description complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions. In accordance with Section 208, any sequence listing, whether forming part of the international application or not forming part of the international application, shall comply with Annex C (this Annex).

2. This Annex provides the Instructions referred to above in relation to the filing and processing of sequence listings, whether forming part of an international applications or not forming part of an international application.

² *Editor's Note:* Noting that Rule 11 leaves some flexibility as to the margins of the sheets (see Rule 11.6) and the size of the characters (see Rule 11.9(d)), the international filing fee should be calculated on the basis of the number of sheets that the application would contain if presented as a print-out complying with the minimum margin and character size requirements. In practice, however, the receiving Office should not print out the international application but rather rely on the number of pages of the international application as calculated by the electronic filing software and indicated in the request.

³ *Editor's Note:* The Instructions set out in this Annex apply to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022. The previous version of Annex C continues to apply to international applications filed prior to that date.

DEFINITIONS

3. For the purposes of these Instructions:

(a) the expressions “sequence listing”, “nucleotide” and “amino acid” have the same meaning as in WIPO Standard ST.26;

(b) the expression “sequence listing forming part of the international application” means a sequence listing contained in the international application as filed, including any sequence listing which:

(i) is included in the international application under Rule 20.5(b) or (c) or Rule 20.5*bis*(b) or (c),

(ii) is considered to have been contained in the international application under Rule 20.6(b),

(iii) has been corrected under Rule 26, rectified under Rule 91 or amended under Article 34(2)(b), or

(iv) is included in the international application by way of an amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description in relation to sequences contained in the international application as filed but not originally included in a sequence listing;

(c) the expression “sequence listing not forming part of the international application” means a sequence listing that does not form part of the international application but is furnished for the purposes of the international search or international preliminary examination.

RELATIONSHIP WITH WIPO STANDARD ST.26

4. The sequence listing part of the description shall comply with WIPO Standard ST.26. Subject to the specific requirements set out in this Annex, that Standard shall apply to any nucleotide or amino acid sequence disclosure in an international application, notably with regard to:

(a) whether such disclosure is to be included in a sequence listing;

(b) the manner in which disclosures are to be presented;

(c) the qualifiers for which “free text” is permitted as a value and the identification of those qualifiers for which such free text is considered language-dependent⁴; and

(d) the Document Type Definition (DTD) for a sequence listing in XML (eXtensible Markup Language).

5. Following any revision of WIPO Standard ST.26, the Director General shall decide a date from which the revised version of that Standard shall apply to international applications and publish that information in the Gazette, together with any transitional provisions concerning the furnishing on or after that date of sequence listings related to international applications filed prior to that date.

⁴ *Editor's Note:* See paragraphs 87 and 88 of WIPO Standard ST.26 and Section 6, Table 5 and Section 8, Table 6 in Annex I to that Standard.

SEQUENCES REQUIRED TO BE PRESENTED IN A SEQUENCE LISTING

6. In accordance with WIPO Standard ST.26, a sequence required to be included in a sequence listing for the purposes of Rule 5.2 is one that is disclosed anywhere in an international application by enumeration of its residues and can be represented as:

(a) an unbranched sequence or a linear region of a branched sequence containing ten or more specifically defined nucleotides, wherein adjacent nucleotides are joined by:

- (i) a 3' to 5' (or 5' to 3') phosphodiester linkage; or
- (ii) any chemical bond that results in an arrangement of adjacent nucleobases that mimics the arrangement of nucleobases in naturally occurring nucleic acids; or

(b) an unbranched sequence or a linear region of a branched sequence containing four or more specifically defined amino acids, wherein the amino acids form a single peptide backbone, that is, adjacent amino acids are joined by peptide bonds.

7. In accordance with WIPO Standard ST.26, a sequence listing must not include, as a sequence assigned its own sequence identification number, any sequences having fewer than ten specifically defined nucleotides or fewer than four specifically defined amino acids.

PRESENTATION OF SEQUENCES IN THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

8. Where sequences are included in a sequence listing, Offices may not require that the sequences also appear in the main part of the description. However, in specific cases, the applicant may have valid reasons for setting out some sequences from the sequence listing in the main part of the description, claims or drawings. Where any sequences are presented within the main part of description, claims or drawings, they may be set out in the manner considered most appropriate to present the information for the relevant purpose. In the description, claims or drawings of the application, the sequences included in the sequence listing shall be referred to by the sequence identifier preceded by "SEQ ID NO:", even if the sequence is also embedded in the description, claims or drawings. Similarly, sequences too short to be included in the sequence listing may be presented in the manner considered most appropriate by the applicant.

LANGUAGE-RELATED REQUIREMENTS

9. WIPO Standard ST.26 prescribes the use of "controlled vocabulary" that must be used when describing the features of a sequence, that is, annotations of regions or sites of interest as set out in Annex I to the Standard.

10. Under the Standard, "qualifiers" are used to supply certain information about features in addition to that conveyed by the feature key and feature location. There are several types of permitted "value formats" to accommodate different types of information conveyed by qualifiers, namely controlled vocabulary, enumerated values (for example, a number or date), "free text" and sequences.

11. The vocabulary set out in Annex I of the Standard that is not language-dependent shall be presented only in conformance with the requirements of WIPO Standard ST.26 and must not be translated. This includes:

(a) the nucleotide symbols set out in Section 1 and the amino acid symbols set out in Section 3;

(b) the abbreviations for modified nucleotides set out in Section 2 and the abbreviations for modified amino acids set out in Section 4 as the only permitted values for the certain qualifiers;

(c) the feature key names set out in Sections 5 and 7, and the qualifier names set out in Sections 6 and 8, notwithstanding that many of the allowed names of feature keys and qualifiers are in English or are English abbreviations (see, for example, feature keys 5.1 “C-region” and 7.18 “MOD_RES” (abbreviation of “modification of a residue”); and qualifiers 6.5 “cell_type” and 8.3 “organism”);

(d) all “value formats” set out in Sections 6 and 8 allowed to be used to accommodate different types of information conveyed by qualifiers other than “free text” (that is, controlled vocabulary, enumerated values like a number or date, and sequences), notwithstanding that many of these allowed “value formats” contain elements in English or English abbreviations or are recognizably derived from English or Latin words (see, for example, qualifier 6.15 “direction”, with the value format: “left”, “right” or “both”); and

(e) “free text” qualifier values other than those identified in the Standard as language-dependent.

12. The language-dependent free text must be provided in a language which the receiving Office accepts for that purpose. WIPO Standard ST.26 allows language-dependent free text to be provided in either one or two languages within the same sequence listing: English (in the `INSDQualifier_value` element) and/or another specified language (in the `NonEnglishQualifier_value` element). The language or languages permitted or required to be used in any particular case are considered in paragraphs 16 to 19.

13. The language of any free text included in the `NonEnglishQualifier_value` element shall be indicated in the `nonEnglishFreeTextLanguageCode` attribute. The same language shall be used for the contents of all `NonEnglishQualifier_value` elements in a sequence listing. Where language-dependent free text is provided for any `INSDQualifier_value` or `NonEnglishQualifier_value` element, it shall be provided in the relevant language for all such elements.

14. The language considered to be the original language of all of the language-dependent free text, being the language, or one of the languages, of the language-dependent free text in the sequence listing furnished at the time of filing, shall preferably be indicated using the `originalFreeTextLanguageCode` attribute of the `ST26SequenceListing` element. The indicated language may be used in the international phase to assist the assessment and, where relevant, rectification of discrepancies found between an `INSDQualifier_value` element and a `NonEnglishQualifier_value` element for a language-dependent free text qualifier included in the sequence listing as filed. For national phase processing, the relevance of the indicated original language in cases where more than one language version of free text was included on the international filing date shall be a matter of national law.

15. WIPO Standard ST.26 requires that the name of the first mentioned applicant be provided in the language of filing. Where the name of the first mentioned applicant is not provided in Latin characters, a transliteration or translation must also be provided in Latin characters, irrespective of the language of the sequence listing otherwise. The title of the invention must be provided in the language of filing and may also be provided in additional languages. In any sequence listing translation submitted to the receiving Office, the International Bureau, the International Searching Authority or the International Preliminary Examining Authority, the applicant may add these items in the language of the translation, but shall not be required to do so.

Languages of the Sequence Listing as Filed

16. Rule 12.1(d) allows receiving Offices to specify the language or languages that may be used for language-dependent free text in a sequence listing forming part of the international application as filed. The Office may allow or require the language-dependent free text to be submitted in a language either the same as or different to that of the main body of the international application. The receiving Office may also permit, but may not require the sequence listing as filed to include language-dependent free text in a second language in accordance with WIPO Standard ST.26. This allows the language-dependent free text to be submitted simultaneously in the language of the main body of the international application as filed and in a different language required for the purposes of the international search or international publication under Rule 12.3 or 12.4. In this case, it is not required to submit the translation of the main body of the international application at the same time as the sequence listing; the translation of the main body may be provided at a later date and the translation as a whole will be considered as received on the date on which the final part of the translation is received.

Translations of the Sequence Listing

17. Where a translation of the language-dependent free text in the sequence listing of the international application or of an earlier application is required as part of a translation under Rule 12.3, 12.4, 12*bis*.2(a)(ii), 20.6(a)(iii), 45*bis*.1(c)(i), 49.5 or 55.2(a), that translation shall be provided in the form of a new sequence listing containing all of the language-dependent free text in the required language, either in addition to or replacing languages in the sequence listing from which the text is being translated. The remainder of the sequence listing shall remain unchanged, save for:

(a) the appropriate attributes of `ST26SequenceListing` describing the content, notably including the `productionDate` and, where relevant, `nonEnglishFreeTextLanguageCode`;

(b) preferably, including the application identification details (IP Office code, international application number and international filing date) if these have been accorded and notified to the applicant, as well as, where applicable, updating any of the other elements of the general information part that have been modified since the international application was filed, or translating them into the language of the translated language-dependent free text. The receiving Office or International Authority shall not require correction or updating of any elements in the general information part solely because there are differences from the corresponding details in the remainder of the international application or the element details have changed between the international filing date and the date on which the translation is submitted, nor require translation of such elements.

18. The `originalFreeTextLanguageCode` attribute shall continue to indicate the original language, irrespective of whether that language version is included in the translated sequence listing.

Languages of Sequence Listings Not Forming Part of the International Application

19. Where a sequence listing is furnished under Rule 13*ter*.1 or 13*ter*.2 for the purposes of the international search or the international preliminary examination, the language-dependent free text shall be provided in one of the languages accepted by the International Searching Authority or the International Preliminary Examining Authority, normally the same language as that used for the main part of the description. The sequence listing may also include the language-dependent free text in a second language, normally either the language of filing or English.

FILING AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION CONTAINING A SEQUENCE LISTING OR FURNISHING A SEQUENCE LISTING AFTER FILING

20. The requirement that a sequence listing be presented as an XML file under WIPO Standard ST.26 means that it can only be filed or furnished in electronic form. An application containing sequences as described in paragraph 6 without such a sequence listing is defective and may be difficult to correct at a later stage. It is strongly recommended that the sequence listing be prepared using WIPO SEQUENCE or equivalent software, which validates the form and aspects of the content of the sequence listing.

21. Where an international application containing a sequence listing is filed in electronic form, whether transmitted by electronic or physical means, the sequence listing should preferably form part of a package filed in accordance with Annex F, with the sequence listing indexed in accordance with the standards set out in that Annex.

22. Notwithstanding paragraph 21, any receiving Office may accept an electronic file appearing to contain a sequence listing submitted separately from the main package on the date of filing and should accept such a separate electronic file in any case where it is not practical for the applicant to include the sequence listing as part of the main package, for example, because the file size is too large to be handled by the software used for preparing or receiving the remainder of the international application. If the receiving Office is not able to process such an application, the application shall be considered to have been received by that Office on behalf of the International Bureau as receiving Office in accordance with Rule 19.4(a)(ii-*bis*).

SEQUENCE LISTING FILED ON SEPARATE PHYSICAL MEDIA

23. Any physical medium containing a sequence listing filed separately from a package as referred to in paragraph 21 or where the remainder of the international application is filed on paper, shall be clearly labeled “Sequence Listing” or its equivalent in the language of publication, to which the Office to which the sequence listing is submitted shall add the international application number. Where the sequence listing is submitted after the international filing date, the Office shall also indicate the nature of the sequence listing in accordance with the appropriate one of Sections 309 to 310*ter*, 325, 511, 513, 607 or 610. Preferably, the physical medium used for the transmittal of the sequence listing shall be of a type accepted by both the receiving Office and the International Searching Authority chosen to carry out the international search.

24. Where the file size of a sequence listing is too large to be included on a single physical medium, it shall be split such that the files can be rejoined to form one single contiguous file without any missing or repeating contents in accordance with the procedures set out in paragraphs 2(c) and (c-*bis*) of Appendix IV to Annex F of these Administrative Instructions. In addition to the labeling referred to in paragraph 23, the physical media shall each be numbered, for example “DISK 1/3”, “DISK 2/3”, “DISK 3/3”.

SEQUENCE LISTING IN ELECTRONIC FORM WITH THE REMAINDER OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION FILED ON PAPER

25. Applicants are strongly discouraged from filing international applications with the main body on paper and the sequence listing separately in electronic form. Nevertheless, in accordance with Section 703 paragraphs (d) and (e), any receiving Office may accept an international application filed in that way and should do so if it is apparent that it would not have been practical for the applicant to file the application with the receiving Office in any other way. If the receiving Office is not able to process such an application, the application shall be considered to have been received by that Office on behalf of the International Bureau as receiving Office in accordance with Rule 19.4(a)(ii-*bis*).

RECEIVING AND PROCESSING AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION CONTAINING A SEQUENCE LISTING

CHECKING BY THE RECEIVING OFFICE

Electronic File Appearing to Be a Sequence Listing

26. The receiving Office shall treat any electronic file appearing to be a sequence listing in WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format as a sequence listing forming part of the international application if it is received on or before the date on which the receiving Office determines that the papers purporting to be an international application fulfill all of the requirements under Article 11(1), whether or not that listing is referred to in the main part of the description or in the request, even if it is not correctly marked as such, except for the case where a second sequence listing is provided as part of a translation for international search under Rule 12.3 or international publication under Rule 12.4. This is independent of the question whether or not the electronic file purporting or appearing to be a sequence listing is in fact compliant with WIPO Standard ST.26 (which is not required to be checked by the receiving Office but only by the International Searching Authority). Where the receiving Office finds that a separate electronic file disclosing sequences appears to be in a format other than in WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format, it shall seek clarification from the applicant on whether the content of the file is intended to form part of the description and invite the applicant to furnish the content in the format accepted for the main part of the description if necessary. For this purpose, the receiving Office may require a statement from the applicant that the content of the document resubmitted in the accepted format is identical to that of the electronic file originally submitted. Alternatively, the receiving Office may convert the file to that format on agreement from the applicant.

Checking for Compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26 and for Other Defects

27. The receiving Office shall not be required to perform automated validations to check whether a sequence listing is compliant with WIPO Standard ST.26 or otherwise to check whether its contents are compliant with the requirements of the Rules and these Administrative Instructions. However, where the Office becomes aware of a defect, for example, because its online filing processes or other Office procedures check the sequence listing file using the validation tool provided for the purpose by the International Bureau, the Office may notify the applicant accordingly.

28. Where the receiving Office identifies a discrepancy between any of the information in the general information part of the sequence listing and the corresponding information in the request or application body, the receiving Office may draw the fact to the applicant's attention. The applicant may correct the discrepancy within the time limit provided for in Rule 26.2 but shall not be required to do so. The international application shall be processed on the basis of the indications made in the request.

Calculation of International Filing Fee

29. In accordance with Section 707(a-bis), where the international application as filed contains an electronic file appearing to be a sequence listing in WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format, the calculation of the international filing fee shall, in the calculation of the number of sheets, not take into account any material contained in such an electronic file. However, where the electronic file is in any other format, or it is obviously not a sequence listing, for example, the main part of the description, claims or drawings mislabeled as a sequence listing, such a file should be taken into account in the calculation of the number of sheets.

Processing of a Sequence Listing Submitted After the International Filing Date

30. Where a sequence listing is received after the international filing date under any of Rules 12.3 (translation for the purposes of international search), 12.4 (translation for the purposes of international publication) or 26.4 (correction of a defect), the receiving Office shall forward a copy of the sequence listing to the International Searching Authority and to the International Bureau together with any replacement sheets also submitted for the relevant purpose, in accordance with Section 305bis or 325, as applicable under Section 335(a).

31. Where a sequence listing is received after the international filing date under Rule 13ter (sequence listing for the purposes of international search, not forming part of the international application), the receiving Office shall forward it to the International Searching Authority.

CHECKING BY THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY OR THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY

32. The International Searching Authority or the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall check that any sequence listing received as part of the search copy, or of a copy of the international application provided for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is compliant with the requirements of WIPO Standard ST.26 and that the language-dependent free text meets the language requirements of the Authority. Where the sequence listing contains defects, or where the international application contains sequences that should have been included in a sequence listing but were not, the Authority may invite the applicant to submit a sequence listing under Rule 13ter.1 for the purposes of international search or Rule 13ter.2 for the purposes of international preliminary examination.

CORRECTION, RECTIFICATION AND AMENDMENT OF A SEQUENCE LISTING

33. Any correction under Rule 26, rectification under Rule 91 or amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description submitted in relation to a sequence listing forming part of the international application as filed and any sequence listing included in the international application by way of an amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description in relation to sequences contained in the international application as filed shall be made by submitting a complete new sequence listing compliant with WIPO Standard ST.26 including the relevant correction, rectification or amendment. The nature of the correction, rectification or amendment shall be clearly explained in an accompanying letter.

34. In compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26, any sequence listing referred to in paragraph 33 shall, where possible, maintain the original numbering of the sequences in the application as filed, representing any “intentionally skipped sequence” as prescribed by WIPO Standard ST.26, where necessary. Otherwise, the sequences shall be numbered in compliance with that Standard in the order in which they appear in the international application.

35. Where the sequence listing referred to in paragraph 33 as proposed to be corrected, rectified or amended is presented on physical media, the media shall be labeled “Sequence Listing – Correction”, “Sequence Listing – Rectification” or “Sequence Listing – Amendment”, as the case may be, or the equivalents in the language of publication, together with the international application number.

36. Where the new sequence listing is received by the receiving Office, that Office shall not be required to check the content of the sequence listing. The Office may simply check that it has received an electronic file that appears to be a sequence listing, together with an accompanying letter and then forward these items to the International Searching Authority and International Bureau, together with any accompanying corrected, rectified or amended sheets of the main body of the international application.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE; MISSING AND ERRONEOUSLY FILED PARTS

37. A sequence listing missing from the international application as filed may be included into the international application under Rule 20.5, or a sequence listing erroneously filed may be removed and replaced under Rule 20.5*bis*. Where relevant, the appropriate sequence listing may be confirmed as incorporated by reference under Rule 20.6.

38. In accordance with Section 335, the procedures for such arrangements are equivalent to those for other parts of the description. Where the sequence listing is not incorporated by reference and the international filing date is corrected, there is no need to compare the newly provided sequence listing to that from the earlier filed application and the receiving Office need only tag the sequence listing in the appropriate manner and proceed as in Sections 310 and 310*bis*. Where the sequence listing is incorporated by reference, the procedure in Section 309 applies, in which case the receiving Office shall make the appropriate marking in the filename or metadata of the XML file containing the respective sequence listing. The receiving Office is recommended to seek guidance from the International Bureau if assistance is required in the comparison of sequence listings provided for confirmation of incorporation by reference with the sequence listing from an earlier application.

SEQUENCE LISTING NOT FORMING PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

39. Any sequence listing furnished under Rule 13*ter*.1, 13*ter*.2 and 45*bis*.5(c) to an International Authority for the purposes of international search or preliminary examination shall not form part of the international application, pursuant to Rule 13*ter*.1(e) (where applicable, by virtue of Rules 13*ter*.2 and 45*bis*.5(c)). Any such sequence listing submitted shall be accompanied by a statement to the effect that the sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed.

40. Paragraphs 4 to 20 and 24 of this Annex shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to any such sequence listing. Such a sequence listing shall contain all sequences disclosed in the international application as filed that meet the criteria referred to in paragraph 6. In compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26, such a sequence listing shall, where possible, maintain the original numbering of the sequences in the application as filed, representing any “intentionally skipped sequence” as prescribed by WIPO Standard ST.26, where necessary. Otherwise, the sequences shall be numbered in compliance with that Standard in the order in which they appear in the international application.

41. Where such a sequence listing is furnished on physical media, the media shall be labeled “Sequence Listing Not Forming Part of the International Application”, or its equivalent in the language of publication or of international preliminary examination, together with the international application number.

TRANSMISSION OF SEQUENCE LISTINGS BETWEEN OFFICES

42. Where a sequence listing is to be transmitted between any of the receiving Office, the International Bureau, the International Searching Authority, the International Preliminary Examining Authority and a designated or elected Office, it shall be sent with the file contents unchanged from the version received from the applicant. Where the sequence listing is transmitted online, the international application number and type of sequence listing (as filed, corrected, for purpose of international search, etc.) shall be encoded in the filename, referencing XML or equivalent metadata appropriate to the means of online transmission.

43. Where a sequence listing was received on a physical medium, the sequence listing may be transmitted online, in which case, the international application number and type of sequence listing should be encoded in the filename or associated metadata in the same way as if the sequence listing had been received online. If the sequence listing is transmitted on a physical medium, the medium should be physically labelled as indicated in the relevant paragraphs above, without changing any of the content on the medium.

PROCEDURE BEFORE DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

44. Rules 13*ter*.3 and 76.5 require that no designated or elected Office shall require the applicant to furnish to it a sequence listing other than a sequence listing complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions. Where no sequence listing complying with the standard and containing the language-dependent free text in the language required for national processing is available to the designated or elected Office, that Office may require the applicant to furnish a translation under Rule 49.5 in the form of a new sequence listing according to paragraphs 17 and 18, within a time limit which shall be reasonable in the circumstances.

45. The designated or elected Office shall not require a new sequence listing as part of a translation under Rule 49.5 solely because a sequence listing already provided as part of the international application contains language-dependent free text in a second language in addition to that required for national processing or because the sequence listing does not contain national application identifiers in the general information part of the sequence listing.

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

JM Jamaica

In accordance with PCT Rule 94.1(c), the **Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO)**, in its capacity as elected Office, has requested the International Bureau to furnish, on behalf of the Office, copies of the international preliminary examination report.⁵

⁵ Information concerning which elected Offices have requested the International Bureau to furnish copies of the international preliminary examination reports on their behalf is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/access_iper.html

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In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2022, are CHF 301 when filing online, and CHF 452 when filing on paper.

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

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JM Jamaica

The **Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO)** has specified the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and the European Patent Office (EPO) as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with the International Bureau by nationals and residents of Jamaica, with effect since 10 February 2022.

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EP European Patent Organisation

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

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau, pursuant to Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments consist of changes in the amounts of several fees.

The amendments to Annex D, which will enter into force on 1 April 2022, will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change] ²
Additional fee (Rules 40.2(a) and 40 <i>bis</i> ³)	[No change] ²
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[No change] ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change] ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change] ²
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	935
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	935
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	245

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)).

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

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities, pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b) and in accordance with the procedures set out in the Administrative Instructions under the PCT (Annex F, section 2.5), modifications to the Administrative Instructions, Annex F and Annex F, Appendix I (XML DTDs for the e-PCT Standard), were promulgated, with effect from 1 July 2022.

The modifications enable the use of WIPO Standard ST.26 files in the filing of international applications from July 1, 2022, and continue to allow WIPO Standard ST.25 files to be used in the processing of international applications filed prior to that date.

Due to highly technical content, the consolidated revised texts of Annex F, and of Annex F, Appendix I, of the Administrative Instructions are not reproduced here, but have been published as documents PCT/AI/ANF/7 and PCT/AI/DTD/16 on the WIPO website at:

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office and applicable from 1 April 2022, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14)	EUR	140
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b))	EUR	110
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d))	EUR	685

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 April 2022, as follows:

Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	EUR	935
Review fee (PCT Rule 45bis.6(c)):	EUR	935
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.1(c))	EUR	245

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

In addition, the Office notified new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2022, are as follows:

Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	EUR	935
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.2):	EUR	245

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified new time limits applicable for entry into the national phase, under PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b). The new time limits will be 31 months from the priority date under both Articles. The new time limits will be applicable from 1 May 2022 in respect of international applications for which the previously applicable 30 month time limit has not yet expired or does not expire on 30 April 2022 and to the extent that the applicant has not expressly made an effective request for entry into the national phase under PCT Articles 23(2) and 40(2) before 1 May 2022.

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

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

EP European Patent Organisation

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

- Online Filing 2.0: from 27 February 2022, 19:00 CET (Central European Time) until 28 February 2022, 10:27 CET.

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

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

<https://www.epo.org/service-support/availability-of-online-services/2022.html>

and on the WIPO website at:

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

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IE Ireland

The **Intellectual Property Office of Ireland** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its location and mailing address, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Government Offices, Hebron Road,
Kilkenny, R95 H4XC, Ireland

[Updating of Annex B1(IE) 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)** 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 May 2022, are EUR 306 when filing online and EUR 458 when filing on paper.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2022, is ISK 251,800.

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

SE Sweden

New equivalent amounts in **Swedish kronor (SEK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 May 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SEK	14,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SEK	160
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	SEK	2,150
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	SEK	3,230
Handling fee:	SEK	2,150

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2022, is ISK 251,800.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount, in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2022, is ISK 251,800.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation

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 2022, are as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee:^{1, 2}

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| – for online filings | EUR | 130 |
| – for non-online filings | EUR | 270 |

Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated ³	EUR	630
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Claims fee:⁴

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| – for the 16 th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50 | EUR | 250 |
| – for the 51 st and each subsequent claim | EUR | 630 |

Search fee:⁴

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| – for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005 | EUR | 950 |
| – for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 | EUR | 1,390 |

Fee for further processing:

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| – in the event of late payment of a fee | [No change] | |
| – other cases | EUR | 275 |

Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing	EUR	245
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¹ Must be paid within 31 months from the priority date. For claims fees see also paragraph EP.08 of National Chapter (EP).

² See the Decision of the EPO's Administrative Council dated 15 December 2021 (CA/D 13/21), OJ EPO 2022, A2.

³ The designation, extension and validation fees are payable within 31 months from the priority date or six months after the date of publication of the international search report, whichever expires later.

⁴ Must be paid within 31 months from the priority date. For claims fees see also paragraph EP.08 of National Chapter EP.

Examination fee:⁵

– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005	EUR	1,955
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up	EUR	1,955
– for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005	EUR	1,750
Renewal fee for the third year ⁶	EUR	505

Finally, 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 2022, is EUR 1,185.⁷

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

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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.

⁷ See the Decision of the EPO's Administrative Council dated 15 December 2021 (CA/D 13/21), OJ EPO 2022, A2.

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XV Visegrad Patent Institute

The **Visegrad Patent Institute** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its telephone number, as follows:

Telephone: (361) 951 5770

In addition, the Office notified changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – since 1 March 2022, the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of telecommunication.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The fee when filing on paper is EUR 107.46 and when filing electronically is EUR 91.35. These amounts are applicable since 1 January 2022.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of the national fee for a patent or a utility model, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The fee when filing on paper is EUR 102.39 and when filing electronically is EUR 87.03. These amounts are applicable since 1 January 2022.

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

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2022, are USD 335 when filing online, and USD 503 when filing on paper.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2022, are CHF 76 and EUR 74 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 357 and EUR 348 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 June 2022, are CHF 105 and CHF 168 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

JM Jamaica

The **Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO)** has specified the Australian Patent Office — in addition to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and the European Patent Office (EPO) — as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with the International Bureau by nationals and residents of Jamaica, with effect since 17 March 2022.

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CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2022, is EUR 299.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2022, are USD 81 for searches carried out in Russian, and USD 383 for searches carried out in English.

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

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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

CV Cabo Verde

On April 6, 2022, **Cabo Verde** deposited its instruments of accession to both the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (Paris Convention) and the *Patent Cooperation Treaty* (PCT), and will become bound by the PCT on **July 6, 2022**. Consequently, any international application filed on or after July 6, 2022 will automatically include the designation of Cabo Verde (country code: CV).

Cabo Verde will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after July 6, 2022.

Furthermore, as from July 6, 2022, nationals and residents of Cabo Verde will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2022, is SGD 2,648.

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

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2022, is EUR 1,508.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) 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 June 2022, are as follows:

Search fee: EUR 1,824

Reduced search fee for natural persons and legal entities: EUR 365 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States that benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion.)

Reduced search fee for universities: EUR 274 (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 and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b).)

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

EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2022, is EUR 199.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** and in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2022, are SGD 2,648 and USD 1,946.

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

PH Philippines

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2022, are EUR 912 or EUR 365 (the latter applies where the applicant is a small entity).¹

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

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2022, is EUR 1,501.

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

UA Ukraine

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)”**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2022, are USD 110 for searches carried out in Russian or Ukrainian, and USD 330 for searches carried out in English, French or German.

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

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** and 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 June 2022, are EUR 1988 and ZAR 31,920 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, EUR 994 and ZAR 15,960 for a small entity and EUR 497 and ZAR 7,980 for a micro entity, respectively.

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

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 June 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	20,980
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	240
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	ZAR	3,160
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	ZAR	4,730

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

UA Ukraine

The **Ministry of Economy of Ukraine, on behalf of the State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)”** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) and the **State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)”** as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with the Ukrpatent or the International Bureau by nationals and residents of Ukraine, with effect since 24 February 2022.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

JM Jamaica

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

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

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**JAMAICA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
OFFICE (JIPO)**

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Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	English
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19 ²), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report ²)
Is a copy of the international application required?	A copy is required only if the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2).
National fee:	Currency: Jamaican Dollar (JMD) For patent: Filing fee: ¹ JMD 30,000 For utility model: Filing fee: ¹ JMD 10,000
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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

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

SUMMARY	Designated (or elected) Office	SUMMARY
JM	JAMAICA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE (JIPO)	JM

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Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application ^{3, 4} Statement justifying the applicant’s right to the patent where the applicant is not the inventor ^{3, 4} Evidence of entitlement to claim priority where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application ^{3, 4} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306) ⁴ Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Jamaica ⁵ Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney) ⁵ Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Jamaica
Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49 <i>ter.2</i>)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests

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

⁴ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of the invitation by the Office. The Office will charge a fee for compliance with that requirement in response to the invitation. For the amount of the fee refer to Annex JM.I.

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.

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CN China

The **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its telephone number, which is now as follows:

Telephone: (86-10) 62 35 66 55 (customer service)

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

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (48-22) 579 01 27
(International Applications Division)

(48-22) 579 03 63 (Contact Center)

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

SY Syrian Arab Republic

The **Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection, Directorate of Industrial and Commercial Property Protection (Syrian Arab Republic)** has notified changes to its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail: patentoffice@spo.gov.sy

Internet: www.dcip.gov.sy

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount, in **US dollars (USD)**, has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2022, is USD 1,946.

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

ES Spain

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 **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2022, is USD 1,946.

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

SE Sweden

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 **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2022, is USD 1,946.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2022, is USD 1,946.

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

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

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 **Visegrad Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2022, is USD 1,946.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

JM Jamaica

The **Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO)** has specified the Austrian Patent Office – in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Canadian Patent Office and the European Patent Office (EPO) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with the receiving Office of JIPO by nationals and residents of Jamaica, with effect from 1 May 2022.

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

GB United Kingdom

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 703(a), 710(b) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette) No. 32/2004 of 5 August 2004 (pages 18092 *et seq.*).

In particular, as from 1 July 2022, the Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom), in its capacity as receiving Office, will no longer accept the filing of international applications in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software and will accept the filing of international applications in electronic form using ePCT-Filing.

Consequently, as from 1 July 2022, the Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom), in its capacity as receiving Office, is prepared to accept international applications in electronic form according to the following requirements:

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

- epoline® software
- ePCT Filing

SY Syrian Arab Republic

The **Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection, Directorate of Industrial and Commercial Property Protection (Syrian Arab Republic)** in its capacity as receiving Office, hereby notifies the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from **June 15, 2022**, as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by telephone at: (963-11) 516 1185
- by e-mail at: epct@dcip.gov.sy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TR Turkey

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions of the Digital Access for Priority Documents, the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office, with effect from 1 June 2022.¹

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

¹ For additional details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11586

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IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified changes to the components of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

	<i>Paper copy</i>	<i>Electronic copy</i>
– for the request to prepare the priority document (in fee stamps):	16	16
– for every four pages or fraction of four pages (description, claims, abstract, drawings, filing certificate and certificate of authenticity) (in fee stamps), plus:	16	-
– for the download of the electronic copy (in fee stamps), plus:	-	16
– for a patent application:	7	3
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[Updating of Annex C(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

New equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for a reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY	179,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY	2,000
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
– Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	JPY	40,400

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

In addition, 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 Office. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is SGD 1,835.

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

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 July 2022, is JPY 26,900.

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

SE Sweden

New equivalent amounts in **Swedish krona (SEK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT 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 amounts, payable to the **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)** and applicable from 1 July 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SEK	13,470
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SEK	150
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
– Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	SEK	2,020
– Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	SEK	3,030
Handling fee:	SEK	2,020

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

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is JPY 206,300.

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

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

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 703(a), 710(b) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Israel Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified changes to its notification published in the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) of 2 August 2016 (pages 176 *et seq.*).

In particular, as from 1 July 2022, the Israel Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, will no longer accept the filing of international applications in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software.

Consequently, as from 1 July 2022, the Israel Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, is prepared to accept international applications in electronic form according to the following requirements:

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

- ePCT Filing

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

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

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified additional requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

Where the applicant requests early publication or notifies the application to third parties earlier than 16 months from the priority date, the indications prescribed by Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii) must be provided not later than that request or that notification (Legislative Decree No. 30/2005, Art. 162 (2)).

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

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

At its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) appointed the **Eurasian Patent Office** as an International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) under the PCT (published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 17 February 2022 (page 46)).

On 26 April 2022, the Office notified the International Bureau that the Agreement between the Office and the International Bureau will enter into force on 1 July 2022.

The Agreement between the Eurasian Patent Organization and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization in relation to the functioning of the Eurasian Patent Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (as in force from July 1, 2022) is set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

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 **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 1,809.

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

DK Denmark

New equivalent amounts in **Danish krone (DKK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	DKK 9,710
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	DKK 110
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	DKK 1,460
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	DKK 2,190

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

EP European Patent Organisation

New equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	EUR 1,305
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR 15
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request not in character coded format):	EUR 98
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR 196
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR 294

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, also applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 1,809.

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

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 July 2022, is EUR 196.

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

ES Spain

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 **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 1,809.

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

FI Finland

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 **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 1,809.

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2022, are CHF 1,062 for an application in Japanese,¹ and CHF 1,255 for an application in English.²

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

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

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

SE Sweden

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 **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 1,809.

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

TR Turkey

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 **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 1,809.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

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 **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 1,809.

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

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Danish krone (DKK)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is DKK 1,460.

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

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

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 **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 1,809.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

LA Lao People's Democratic Republic

Information on the requirements of the **Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Science and Technology (Lao People's Democratic Republic)** as designated (or elected) Office is now available in the Summary of the National Chapter (LA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which is published at the end of the present issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

AGREEMENT

between the Eurasian Patent Organization
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

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

Preamble

The Eurasian Patent Organization 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 Eurasian Patent Office 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 Eurasian Patent Office;
 - (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 Eurasian Patent Organization 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 Eurasian Patent Organization 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 twenty-second day of November two thousand and twenty-one, in two originals in the English and Russian languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Eurasian Patent Organization 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:

Russian 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 the Eurasian Patent Convention.

**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)	40,000
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in Russian)	9,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in English)	40,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in Russian)	9,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in English)	16,000
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in Russian)	4,500
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in English)	24,000
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in Russian)	6,750
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in English)	19,500
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in Russian)	5,000
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in English)	23,500
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in Russian)	6,000
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	3,500
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	4,000
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	100
– non-patent document, per page	100
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	100

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(s) in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

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

Russian 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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**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

LA

**DEPARTMENT OF INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY, MINISTRY OF SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY**

LA

(LAO PEOPLE’S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC)

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3): 31 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): 31 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Lao
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, only as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	The applicant should only send a copy of the international application if he/she has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).
National fee: ²	Currency: Lao Kip (KIP) Filing fee: KIP 200,000 Formality examination fee: KIP 100,000 Consultation fee: KIP 100,000 Publication fee: KIP 400,000 Service fee: KIP 300,000
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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¹ Must be furnished within 90 days after entry into the national phase.

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

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LA

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

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in the Lao People's Democratic Republic
Name of the inventor if it has not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application^{3, 4}
Evidence of entitlement to file^{3, 4}
Evidence of entitlement to claim priority^{3, 4}
Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306)⁴
Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing and table related thereto in electronic form

Who can act as agent?

Any attorney or lawyer registered in the Lao People's Democratic Republic

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

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

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

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

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

JP Japan

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

The **Japan Patent Office (JPO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 June 2022, consists of the addition of Saudi Arabia to the States indicated in items (i) and (ii) of the Annex.

As from 1 June 2022, the amended Annex A will read as follows:

**Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

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

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

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

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

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

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

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

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

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

IQ Iraq

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount, in **South African rand (ZAR)**, has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is ZAR 28,070.

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

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is KRW 2,018,000.

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

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2022, are CHF 338 when filing online, and CHF 507 when filing on paper.

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

EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is USD 216.

[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 **South African rand (ZAR)**, has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is ZAR 28,070.

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

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2022, are JPY 16,600, or JPY 4,200 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 July 2022, are USD 1,130 for searches carried out in Japanese and USD 1,336 for searches carried out in English.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2022, are AUD 492 for searches carried out in Korean and AUD 1,313 for searches carried out in English.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **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 July 2022, are CHF 99, EUR 97 and USD 105 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 467, EUR 458 and USD 495 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 2022, are CHF 138 and CHF 220 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

IQ Iraq

The **Iraqi Patent Office (IQPO)** has specified the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, the Egyptian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent) as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed on or after 6 May 2022 with IQPO, in its capacity as receiving Office, by nationals and residents of Iraq.

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has specified the Japan Patent Office (JPO) – in addition to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, the Egyptian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 June 2022 with SAIP, in its capacity as receiving Office, by nationals and residents of Saudi Arabia.

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

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION 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 PCT Gazette No. 40/2006 (5 October 2006, pages 19076 *et seq.*), and corrected in PCT Gazette No. 50/2006 (14 December 2006, pages 19182 *et seq.*).

The Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, notifies the following requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form with effect of 1 July 2022.

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

- XML (in general: see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO ST.26 XML file (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- Annex C/ST.25 text file (see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C) for applications filed prior to 1 July 2022
- 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 DPMAdirektPro filing software:

- online filing (according to OSCI protocol, see www.osci.de)

For the epoline filing software:

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

For ePCT-Filing:

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

Physical media (CD-R, CD-RW, DVD-R, DVD+R, DVD+RW, DVD-RW)

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

For DPMAdirektPro filing software

- OSCI WASP (www.osci.de)

For the epoline software and ePCT-Filing:

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

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

- DPMAdirektPro software
- epoline 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 or enhanced electronic signature, as defined by section 3 para 3 of the Ordinance on Electronic Legal Transactions with the German Patent and Trade Mark Office of 1 November 2013.

Electronic signature for signing applicant package using epoline filing software and ePCT-Filing:

- 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)). 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 section 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. In addition, the Online Services Smart Card of the European Patent Office is accepted for filings via DPMAdirektPro and epoline.

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*]

MK North Macedonia

The **State Office of Industrial Property (North Macedonia)** in its capacity as receiving Office, hereby notifies the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from July 15, 2022, as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by telephone at: (+389-2) 310 36 01
- by e-mail at: epct@ippo.gov.mk

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Information on Contracting States

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IRAQ

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General information

Name of Office:	Iraqi Patent Office (IQPO)
Location:	University of Baghdad St., Al-Jaderiya, Baghdad, Iraq
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 13032, Al-Jaderiya, Baghdad, Iraq
Telephone:	(964-1) 778 51 80
E-mail:	iqpo@cosqc.gov.iq
Internet:	https://www.cosqc.gov.iq
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Iraq:	Iraqi Patent Office (IQPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Iraq is designated (or elected):	Iraqi Patent Office (IQPO) (see National Phase)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, patents of addition
Provisions of the law of Iraq concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Iraq is designated (or elected)

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

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PH Philippines

Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 1357, s. 2022, the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Monday, 9 May 2022.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on Tuesday, 10 May 2022.

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

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

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2022, are CHF 1,732 (for a search of only the PCT minimum documentation), CHF 1,213 (for a search of only the European and North American documentation), and CHF 866 (for a search of only the German-language documentation).

[Updating of Annex SISA(AT) 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 July 2022, is CHF 203.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 1,809.

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

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **euros (EUR)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2022, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	98
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	49
	Supplement for airmail: EUR 10	

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

TR Turkey

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a search only on the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 50.

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

UA Ukraine

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 Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise "Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)"** as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2022, are CHF 102 for searches carried out in Ukrainian or Russian and CHF 306 for searches carried out in English, French or German.

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 July 2022, are CHF 92 (for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation or of only European and North American documentation), CHF 71 (of only Russian language documentation of the former USSR and Ukrainian language documentation), and CHF 61 (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)).

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for search of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 548.

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

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a full supplementary international search and for a search of only the documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak carried out by the **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2022, are CHF 1,809 and CHF 560, respectively.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

LU Luxembourg

The **Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg)** has notified a change to the filing fee component of the national fee, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, applicable from 1 July 2022, as follows:

Filing fee: EUR 40

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

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2022, is JPY 245,500.

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

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2022, is USD 1,065.

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2022, is KRW 1,404,000.

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2022, are ZAR 35,440 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 17,720 for a small entity and ZAR 8,860 for a micro entity.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has specified the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) – in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022 with the National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus), in its capacity as receiving Office, by nationals and residents of Belarus.

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

IQ Iraq

Information on the requirements of the **Iraqi Patent Office (IQPO)** as receiving Office is provided in Annex C(IQ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

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

IB International Bureau of WIPO

As of 30 June 2022, the International Bureau will end its development, distribution and support of the PCT-SAFE software. The final release was in April 2022, and no further updates to the software will be provided (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette), dated 8 July 2021, p. 124).

The Korean Intellectual Property Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) are the only two remaining receiving Offices that have not yet formally notified the International Bureau of their intention to stop accepting PCT-SAFE filings. However, whilst PCT applicants may be able to continue to prepare and file PCT applications using existing versions of the PCT-SAFE software from 1 July 2022, the International Bureau specifically recommends against doing so.

Any remaining PCT-SAFE users are strongly advised to transition to ePCT-Filing as soon as possible.

C	Receiving Offices	C
IQ	IRAQI PATENT OFFICE (IQPO)	IQ

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Iraq
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Arabic, English ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	Arabic, English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “due care” and the “unintentional” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Canadian Intellectual Property Office, Egyptian Patent Office, European Patent Office or Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Canadian Intellectual Property Office, ² Egyptian Patent Office, European Patent Office ² or Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Iraqi dinar (IQD) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	IQD 77,075 or USD 55
International filing fee: ³	USD 1,437
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ³	USD 16
Search fee:	See Annex D(CA), (EG), (EP) or (TR)
Fee for priority document:	IQD 37,000 or USD 25
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	None
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Iraq Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or patent agent registered before the Office
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

¹ Depending on the applicant’s choice of competent International Searching Authority, a translation into a corresponding language (see Annex D) may have to be furnished by the applicant (PCT Rule 12.3).

² The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

³ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2022, is ZAR 30,060.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forints (HUF)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2022, are HUF 680,100 and ZAR 30,060.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2022, are USD 358 for searches carried out in Korean and USD 955 for searches carried out in English.

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2022, are NZD 3,368 for an entity other than a small or micro-entity; NZD 1,684 for a small entity, and NZD 842 for a micro-entity.

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

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Visegrad Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2022, is HUF 680,100.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has specified the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) – in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022 with the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), in its capacity as receiving Office, by nationals and residents of the Russian Federation.

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

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)¹ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule will enter into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) is added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/>

DE Germany

In accordance with Section 332(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, which will enter into force on 1 July 2022, the **German Patent and Trade Mark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the language of language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept under Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description is German. The Office permits the language-dependent free text to be provided additionally in English as a second language.

IB International Bureau of WIPO

In accordance with Section 332(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, which will enter into force on 1 July 2022, the **International Bureau**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified that for language-dependent free text for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, it is prepared, under Rule 12.1(d), to accept any language. The International Bureau will accept the language-dependent free text be provided also in English, as a second language.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

Further to the notification by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** that the Agreement between the Office and the International Bureau will enter into force on 1 July 2022 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 May 2022, page 112), information on the requirements of the Office functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, with effect from 1 July 2022, is given in Annexes D(EA) and E(EA), as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2022, are CHF 129 and EUR 125 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 605 and EUR 586 for searches carried out in English.

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 August 2022, are CHF 179 and CHF 286 (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*]

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)¹ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule will enter into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) is added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description.

JP Japan

In accordance with Section 332(*a-bis*) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, which will enter into force on 1 July 2022, the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified that for language-dependent free text for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, it is prepared, under Rule 12.1(d), to accept: English. The Office will accept the language-dependent free text be provided also in a language other than English, as a second language.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/>

D **International Searching Authorities** **D**
EA **EURASIAN PATENT OFFICE (EAPO)¹** **EA**

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ²	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Russian rouble (RUB)</td> <td style="width: 30%; text-align: center;">9,000³</td> <td style="width: 40%; text-align: right;">40,000⁴</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Euro (EUR)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">103³</td> <td style="text-align: right;">458⁴</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Swiss franc (CHF)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">105³</td> <td style="text-align: right;">467⁴</td> </tr> <tr> <td>US dollar (USD)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">111³</td> <td style="text-align: right;">495⁴</td> </tr> </table>	Russian rouble (RUB)	9,000 ³	40,000 ⁴	Euro (EUR)	103 ³	458 ⁴	Swiss franc (CHF)	105 ³	467 ⁴	US dollar (USD)	111 ³	495 ⁴
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Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3): How to obtain copies: Fee(s):	The applicant receives, together with the international search report, a copy of each document containing non-patent literature cited in the report, free of charge Applicants and designated (elected) Offices can request copies by e-mail at: info@eapo.org RUB 100 per page												
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1 <i>ter</i>):	RUB 100 per page												
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. 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% Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, carried out in respect of an earlier application by the Authority itself or by another International Searching Authority, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search: refund of 25% to 75%												
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)): ⁵	RUB 3,500												
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c)): ⁵	RUB 4,000												
Languages accepted for international search:	English, Russian												
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1)? Types of electronic carrier required:	Yes CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD, DVD-R												
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of the Eurasian Patent Convention.												

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¹ This Office will act as competent International Searching Authority as from 1 July 2022.
² This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).
³ This fee applies to searches carried out in Russian.
⁴ This fee applies to searches carried out in English.
⁵ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

D **International Searching Authorities** **D**
EA **EURASIAN PATENT OFFICE (EAPO)⁶** **EA**

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Waiver of power of attorney:

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

Yes⁷

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing

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

Yes⁷

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing

⁶ See footnote 1.

⁷ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4, see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

E International Preliminary Examining Authorities E

EA EURASIAN PATENT OFFICE (EAPO)¹ EA

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ²	Russian rouble (RUB)	Examination carried out in: Russian English	
		6,750 (4,500) ³	24,000 (16,000) ³
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ⁴	RUB	6,000 (5,000) ³	23,500 (19,500) ³
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ⁵	USD	216	
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2): ²	The applicant receives, together with the international preliminary examination report a copy of each document containing non-patent literature not cited in the international search report, free of charge.		
How to obtain copies:	Applicants and elected Offices can request copies by e-mail at: info@eapo.org		
Fee(s):	RUB	100 per page	
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2): ²	RUB	100 per page	
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%		
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)) ²	RUB	3,500	
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.2): ²	RUB	4,000	
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	English, Russian		
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of any subject matter examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of the Patent Regulations under the Eurasian Patent Convention		

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¹ This Office will act as competent International Preliminary Examining Authority as from 1 July 2022.

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

³ This fee applies where the international search report was prepared by the Eurasian Patent Office.

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

⁵ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

E **International Preliminary** **E**
Examining Authorities

EA **EURASIAN PATENT OFFICE (EAPO)⁶** **EA**

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Waiver of power of attorney:

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

Yes⁷

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing

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

Yes⁷

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing

⁶ See footnote 1.

⁷ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4, see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2022, are EUR 323 when filing online and EUR 484 when filing on paper.

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

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2022, is EUR 1,196.

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

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2022, are CHF 136, EUR 132 and USD 142, respectively, for searches carried out in Russian; and CHF 605, EUR 586 and USD 631, respectively, for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(EA) 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 2022, are EUR 1,034 for searches carried out in Japanese and EUR 1,222 for searches carried out in English.

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

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NOK	13,030
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NOK	150
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	NOK	1,960
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	NOK	2,940

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2022, are USD 134 for searches carried out in Russian and USD 631 for searches carried out in English.

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

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)¹ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule will enter into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) is added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description.

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

In accordance with Section 332(*a-bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the language of the language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description is English or Russian.

The Office also accepts the language-dependent free text to be provided in both Russian and English within a single sequence listing.

KR Republic of Korea

In accordance with Section 332(*a-bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the language of the language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description is English (recommended) or Korean.

The Office also accepts the language-dependent free text to be provided in both English and Korean within a single sequence listing.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/>

NO Norway

In accordance with Section 332(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions, the **Norwegian Industrial Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the language of the language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description is Norwegian or English.

The Office also accepts the language-dependent free text to be provided in both Norwegian and English within a single sequence listing.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

TR Turkey

The International Bureau has been notified that the Country name “**Türkiye**” shall be used instead of “Turkey”. The corresponding two-letter code (TR) remains unchanged.

[Updating of Annexes B1(TR), C(TR) and L, and the National Chapter (Summary) (TR) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

HU Hungary

New equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forints (HUF)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	HUF512,100
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	HUF 5,800
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	HUF 77,000
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	HUF115,500

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

IQ Iraq

The **Iraqi Patent Office (IQPO)** has specified the **Australian Patent Office** – in addition to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, the Egyptian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 20 June 2022 with the IQPO (or with the International Bureau), in its capacity as receiving Office, by nationals and residents of Iraq.

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

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

EP European Patent Organisation

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

With effect from 1 July 2022, the EPO will no longer accept sequence listings submitted under WIPO Standard ST.25. As from that date, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings will be WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, as from 1 July 2022, the items concerning electronic document formats specified by the EPO in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) will be the following:

FILING VIA EPO ONLINE FILING:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- ASCII (7- and 8-bit) (see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

FILING VIA THE EPO WEB-FORM FILING SERVICE:

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

- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

FILING VIA THE EPO CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:

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

- WIPO Standard ST.26 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

FILING VIA ePCT-FILING:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- DOCX containing JPEG converted into XML before submission
- WIPO Standard ST.26 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

FILING VIA ONLINE FILING 2.0 WITH INTEGRATED ePCT-FILING:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1);
- DOCX containing JPEG converted into XML before submission
- WIPO Standard ST.26 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

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

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

MY Malaysia

In accordance with PCT Rule 13bis.7(a)(ii), the **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau that, as from 30 June 2022, its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material are as follows:

Designated (or elected) Office	Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
	the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
MY - Malaysia Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia	Where applicant requests publication earlier than 16 months from the priority date, not later than that request	At the time of filing (in the description)	Relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism. If the depositor is not the applicant, an authorization letter from the depositor must accompany the application at the time of filing or within 16 months from the priority date, or, where the applicant requests publication earlier than 16 months from the priority date, not later than that request.

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

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)¹ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule will enter into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) is added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description.

CA Canada

In accordance with Section 332(*a-bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the language of the language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description is English or French.

The Office also accepts the language-dependent free text to be provided in both English and French within a single sequence listing.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/>

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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 the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the main purpose of which is to implement the new WIPO Standard ST.26 as the means for presentation of nucleotide and amino acid sequences in international applications, were promulgated¹ with effect from 1 July 2022. These modifications were reproduced in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 24 February 2022, pages 55 *et. seq.*

Further to the aforementioned modifications, additional changes to the Administrative Instructions were promulgated², also with effect from 1 July 2022. The main purposes of these additional modifications are:

(i) to remove the reference to PCT/ISA/233 from the text of the Administrative Instructions, since the form is deleted with effect from 1 July 2022¹ (Section 102(a)(iii));

(ii) to clarify the procedures concerning the excuse of delays in meeting time limits and extensions of time limits under PCT Rule 82*quater*, and to establish a legal basis for waiver, by an Office, Authority or the International Bureau, of the need for evidence concerning an excuse of delay in meeting time limits (Sections 111(a) and (f));

(iii) to establish additional Gazette publication requirements by the International Bureau as a result of the amendments to Rule 82*quater* (Sections 111(b-*bis*) and (g), and paragraph 16 of Annex E); and

(iv) to remove references to the notification under Section 705*bis*(a), since the requirement for the notification was deleted from Section 705*bis*(a) with effect since 1 January 2019³ (Sections 710(b) and (c), and 714(a)).

The full text of the Administrative Instructions as in force since 1 July 2022 (PCT/AI/23) is available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/

¹ Refer to Circular C. PCT 1636 of 9 February 2022.

² Refer to Circular C. PCT 1644 of 27 June 2022.

³ Refer to Circular C. PCT 1526, dated February 5, 2018, and Circular C. PCT 1555, dated December 19, 2018.

TEXT OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS
(as in force from 1 July 2022)

PART 1 -
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO GENERAL MATTERS

Section 102
Use of the Forms

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

(i) [No change]

(ii) [No change]

(iii) Forms for use by the International Searching Authorities:

PCT/ISA/201	PCT/ISA/209	PCT/ISA/219	PCT/ISA/236
PCT/ISA/202	PCT/ISA/210	PCT/ISA/220	PCT/ISA/237
PCT/ISA/203	PCT/ISA/212	PCT/ISA/225	
PCT/ISA/205	PCT/ISA/217	PCT/ISA/234	
PCT/ISA/206	PCT/ISA/218	PCT/ISA/235	
PCT/SISA/501	PCT/SISA/504	PCT/SISA/507	
PCT/SISA/502	PCT/SISA/505	PCT/SISA/510	
PCT/SISA/503	PCT/SISA/506		

(iv) [No change]

(v) [No change]

(b) to (k) [No change]

Section 111
Excuse of Delay in Meeting Time Limits and
Extension of Time Limits under Rule 82*quater*

(a) Where the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search, the International Preliminary Examining Authority, or the International Bureau receives a request under Rule 82*quater*.1 or 82*quater*.2 for the excuse of a delay in meeting a time limit, it shall promptly:

(i) [No change]

(ii) where applicable, transmit a copy of such a request, a copy of any evidence or statement furnished and a copy of its decision to the International Bureau.

(b) [No change]

(b-*bis*) The International Bureau shall promptly publish any waiver notified to it under Rule 82*quater*.1(d) in the Gazette.

(c) [No change]

(d) [No change]

(e) [No change]

(f) Where the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search, the International Preliminary Examining Authority, or the International Bureau establishes a period of extension or additional period of extension under Rule 82*quater*.3, any time limit fixed in the Regulations for performing a particular action before that specific Office, Authority or the International Bureau which would expire during that period shall, subject to Rule 80.5, expire on the first day after the expiration of that period.

(g) The International Bureau shall promptly publish in the Gazette any notification of period of extension or additional period of extension received by it under Rule 82*quater*.3.

PART 7 -
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE FILING AND PROCESSING
IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS

Section 710
Notification and Publication of Receiving Offices’
Requirements and Practices

(a) [No change]⁴ A notification by a receiving Office to the International Bureau under Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 703(a) that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form shall indicate, where applicable:

(i) [No change] the electronic document formats (including, where applicable, the versions of such electronic document formats), means of transmittal, types of electronic packages, electronic filing software and types of electronic signature specified by it under Section 703(b)(i) to (iv) and (c), and any options specified by it under the basic common standard;

(ii) [No change] the conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt, including hours of operation, choices for processes to verify or acknowledge receipt, choices for electronic communication of invitations and notifications, any methods of online payment, details concerning any help desks, electronic and software requirements and other administrative matters related to the filing in electronic form of international applications and related documents;

(iii) [No change] the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to or by the Office in electronic form;

(iv) [No change] whether and under what conditions the Office accepts the filing under Section 706(a) and (f), of documents in pre-conversion formats and the electronic document format(s) (including, where applicable, the versions of such electronic document format(s)) accepted by it under that Section;

(v) [No change] procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available;

(vi) [No change] the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office, and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued;

(vii) [No change] the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form.

(b) The receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of any change in the matters previously indicated by it in a notification under paragraph (a) of this Section.

(c) The International Bureau shall promptly publish in the Gazette any notification received by it under paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section.

(d) [No change]

⁴ Editor’s note: Paragraphs 710(a)(i) to (vii) are not modified, but have been reproduced here for ease of reference.

Section 714
Furnishing by the International Bureau of Copies of Documents
Kept in Electronic Form; Designated Offices' Signature Requirements

(a) Where any International Searching Authority, International Preliminary Examining Authority or designated Office has not notified the International Bureau in accordance with Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that it is prepared to process international applications in electronic form, the International Bureau shall furnish to that Office or Authority a copy on paper of any document which is kept by the International Bureau in electronic form and which that Office or Authority is entitled to receive. The International Bureau may also, upon request by the Authority or Office concerned, furnish such copy in electronic form.

(b) [No change]

ANNEX E -
INFORMATION TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE
UNDER RULE 86.1(v)

1. to 15. [No change]

16. Any period of extension or additional period of extension under Rule 82*quater*.3.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: 1300 65 10 10 (local)
(61-2) 6222 3626 (international)

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

ERRONEOUSLY FILED ELEMENTS AND PARTS: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES OF COMPATIBILITY OF PCT RULES 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) AND 20.5*bis*(d) WITH NATIONAL LAWS

EP European Patent Organisation

Further to its notifications⁵ under PCT Rule 20.8(a-*bis*) and (b-*bis*), regarding the incompatibility of the legal framework of the *Convention on the Grant of European Patents (EPC)* with PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and 20.5*bis*(d) concerning erroneously filed elements and parts of international applications (refer to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 30 January 2020, pages 11 and 12), the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacities as receiving Office and designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that, following the entry into force of new Rule 56a EPC, the *Convention on the Grant of European Patents* will be compatible with the aforementioned PCT Rules as from **1 November 2022**.

⁵ The current list of PCT reservations, declarations, notifications and incompatibilities is available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html

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

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

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

- **international filing fee** (Rule 15.2(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of the International Bureau;
- **search fee** (Rule 16.1(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority;
- **supplementary search fee** (Rule 45*bis*.3(b)) collected by the International Bureau for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an Authority specified for supplementary search;
- **handling fee** (Rule 57.2(c) or (d)) collected by an International Preliminary Examining Authority for the benefit of the International Bureau; and
- **differences relating to the search fee** (Rule 16.1(e)) received by an Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority in a currency other than its fixed currency.⁶

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

Between 1 January and 30 June 2022 (inclusive),⁷ 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:

⁶ 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.

⁷ The complete list of Offices participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, as of 31 December 2021, is available in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 13 January 2022 (pages 7 *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				
NL Netherlands Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2022, are SGD 1,743 and USD 1,250 for searches carried out in English, and USD 1,057 for searches carried out in Japanese.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2022, are SGD 484 for searches carried out in Korean and SGD 1,290 for searches carried out in English.

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

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** and **Korean won (KRW)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2022, are JPY 217,300 and KRW 2,074,000.

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

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

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89bis.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (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 23 June 2016, pages 133 *et seq.* (as modified in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 27 February 2020, pages 30 *et seq.*).

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, CNIPA will no longer accept sequence listings submitted under WIPO Standard ST.25. As from that date, the electronic document format for the filing of sequence listings must comply with WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by CNIPA in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

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

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)¹ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule will enter into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) is added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/>

IL Israel

In accordance with Section 332(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions, the **Israel Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the language of the language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description is English.

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

MA Morocco

In accordance with Section 332(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions, the **Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the language of the language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description is French.

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

MX Mexico

In accordance with Section 332(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions, the **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the language of the language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description is Spanish.

The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be provided in both Spanish and English within a single sequence listing.

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

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EA Eurasian Patent Organisation

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Russian roubles (RUB)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 July 2022, is RUB 2,000.

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

MY Malaysia

The **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees and of an amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)), in **Malaysian ringgit (MYR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 18 March 2022, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	<i>Electronic filing</i>	<i>Paper filing</i>
	MYR 550	[No change]
plus, for one to ten pages:		MYR 5
plus, for 11 to 20 pages:		MYR 10
plus, for 21 to 50 pages:		MYR 40
plus, for 51 pages or more:		MYR 60
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	MYR 550	for first 10 pages
plus	MYR 7	per page, for each additional page
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26 <i>bis</i> .3(d)):	MYR 150	

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

LT Lithuania

The **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning its specification of competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities. In particular, with effect since 12 July 2022, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI) are the only competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Lithuania before the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania, or before the receiving Office of the International Bureau.

Furthermore, the Office notified that, also with effect since 12 July 2022, the languages in which the international application may filed are Lithuanian and English, and the language in which the request may be filed is English.

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

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,¹ in **Russian roubles (RUB)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 July 2022, as follows:

Unitary procedural fee (for filing, search, publication and other processing) ²	RUB 36,000
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Claim fee for each claim:

– in excess of five: ³	RUB 4,800
– in excess of 20: ³	RUB 5,200
– in excess of 50: ³	RUB 6,500

¹ This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person who is a national or resident of any of the States party to the Eurasian Patent Convention, by 70% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a state science or a state educational organization of any of the States party to the Eurasian Patent Convention, by 10% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a legal person with a principal place of business in any of the States party to the Eurasian Patent Convention and by 50% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person who is a national or resident of any of the states listed on the Office's website at: www.eapo.org/ru/documents/norm/prilposh_2019.html

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

³ Must be furnished or paid within two months from the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) or within two months from the date on which the applicant files a special request for early entry into the national phase.

Examination fee:

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| – for one invention: | RUB 40,000 |
| – for a group of inventions including one independent claim: | RUB 40,000 |
| – additional fee for the second independent claim: | RUB 25,000 |
| – additional fee for each independent claim in excess of two claims: | RUB 13,000 |

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 25% where an international search report has been established, or by 40% where an international search report has been established by the EAPO.

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

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

AT Austria

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 **Austrian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 February 2014, pages 26 *et seq.* (as modified by the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 July 2019, page 102).

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by in the notifications published in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

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

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

AU Australia

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 **Australian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 28 July 2016, pages 163 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

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

BR Brazil

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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**, 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 2 June 2016, pages 108 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
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- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

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

DK Denmark

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 **Danish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 7 July 2016, pages 157 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

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

IE Ireland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office of Ireland**, 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 11 July 2019, pages 105 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

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

MY Malaysia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 25 September 2014, pages 138 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

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

RS Serbia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 22 February 2018, pages 196 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

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

SE Sweden

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 **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)**, 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 31 May 2018, pages 244 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

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

TN Tunisia

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 **National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia)**, 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 21 November 2019, pages 182 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)

- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
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- 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)

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

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)⁴ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) is added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,⁵ the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(*a-bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Offices, in their capacity as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau of the language(s) of the language-dependent free text which they are prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

⁴ Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/>

⁵ Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (Portuguese, English or Spanish). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

CN China

The **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** is prepared to accept Chinese or English. The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both Chinese and English within a single sequence listing.

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

IE Ireland

The **Intellectual Property Office of Ireland** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

MY Malaysia

The **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)** is prepared to accept Danish, English, Finnish, Norwegian, or Swedish. The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and another filing language.

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

TN Tunisia

The **National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI (Tunisia))** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (Arabic, French or English). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

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AU Australia

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2022, are CHF 315 when filing online and CHF 471 when filing on paper.

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

EA Eurasian Patent Organisation (EAPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2022, are EUR 157 for searches carried out in Russian; and EUR 697 for searches carried out in English.

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

GB United Kingdom

New equivalent amounts in **pounds sterling (GBP)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 September 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	GBP	1,132
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	GBP	13
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	GBP	170
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	GBP	255

[Updating of Annex C(GB) 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 September 2022, is CHF 1,024.

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

IN India

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 **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2022, are USD 126, or USD 31 in the case of filing by an individual.

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

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD	2,208
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD	25
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	NZD	332
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	NZD	498

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2022, are EUR 148 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 697 for searches carried out in English.

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

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

JO Jordan

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 **Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)**, 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 13 July 2017, pages 106 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

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

NZ New Zealand

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 25 September 2014, pages 140 *et seq.* (as corrected in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 13 November 2014, page 173).

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

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

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**, 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 15 January 2015, pages 5 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

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

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.

In particular, since 1 July 2022, international applications containing a sequence listing as a separate part of the description should be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format; no fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format.

Furthermore, where the international application is filed on paper, the sequence listing part of the description should be furnished in WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format on physical medium.

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

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)¹ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) is added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,² the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(*a-bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Offices, in their capacity as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau of the language(s) of the language-dependent free text which they are prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** is prepared to accept English, French or German. The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and another filing language within a single sequence listing.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** is prepared to accept English, or the same language as used in the international application (French or German). The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and any other language within a single sequence listing.

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

JO Jordan

The **Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (Arabic or English). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

² Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (Chinese or English). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

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

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office**, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning the types of physical media accepted by the Authority for the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings in electronic form, under PCT Rule 13~~ter~~.1 and in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as follows:

The entire printable copy of the sequence listing and identifying data should be contained within one text file (for applications with a filing date prior to 1 July 2022, WIPO Standard ST.25 applies) or one XML file (for applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, WIPO Standard ST.26 applies) on a single standard (ISO 9660) CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD or DVD-R.

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

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2022, is USD 1,502.

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

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NOK	13,830
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NOK	160
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	NOK	2,080
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	NOK	3,120

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

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 October 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	23,410
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	260
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ZAR	3,520
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ZAR	5,280

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

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

BG Bulgaria

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 **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria**, 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 21 April 2016, pages 79 *et seq.* (as modified by the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 3 December 2020, page 269).

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notifications published in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

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

GB United Kingdom

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office¹ (United Kingdom)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 32/2004 of 5 August 2004, pages 18092 *et seq.* (as modified by the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 28 April 2022, page 103).

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notifications published in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

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

IT Italy

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 **Italian Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 23 November 2017, pages 179 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

¹ Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

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 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

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

LT Lithuania

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 November 2021, pages 190 *et seq.* (as corrected in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 25 November 2021, pages 208 *et seq.*).

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notifications published in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

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

PL Poland

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 **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 5 November 2015, pages 178 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

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

QA Qatar

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 August 2015, pages 136 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

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

SA Saudi Arabia

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 **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 22 January 2015, pages 13 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

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

SK Slovakia

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 **Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 2 June 2016, pages 112 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

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

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)² of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

² Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) is added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,³ the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(*a-bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Offices, in their capacity as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau of the language(s) of the language-dependent free text which they are prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

BG Bulgaria

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (Bulgarian, English or Russian). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** is prepared to accept English, French, German or Italian. The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and another filing language within a single sequence listing.

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

³ Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

LT Lithuania

The **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (English or Lithuanian). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (English, French, German or Polish). The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and another filing language within a single sequence listing.

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

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (Arabic or English). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic** prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (English, French, German or Slovak). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2022, is USD 1,816.

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

BR Brazil

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2022, are USD 306 when filing online, and USD 459 when filing on paper.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2022, is USD 1,816.

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

ES Spain

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 **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2022, is USD 1,816.

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

FI Finland

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 **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2022, is USD 1,816.

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

SE Sweden

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 **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2022, is USD 1,816.

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

TR Türkiye

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 **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2022, is USD 1,816.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

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 **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2022, is USD 1,816.

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

XV Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)

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 **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2022, is USD 1,816.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

AM Armenia

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Armenia** has specified the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) – in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 7 July 2022 with the Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Armenia, the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO, in their capacity as receiving Offices, by nationals and residents of Armenia.

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

KG Kyrgyzstan

The **State Agency of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzpatent)** has specified the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) – in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022 with Kyrgyzpatent, the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO, in their capacity as receiving Offices, by nationals and residents of Kyrgyzstan.

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

TJ Tajikistan

The **National Center for Patents and Information under the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan** has specified the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) – in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 6 July 2022 with the National Center for Patents and Information under the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO, in their capacity as receiving Offices, by nationals and residents of Tajikistan.

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

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

AL Albania

The **General Directorate of Industrial Property (GDIP) (Albania)** in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 October 2022, as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by telephone at: (355-69) 785 6715
- by e-mail at: info@dppi.gov.al

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LV Latvia

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 **Latvian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 February 2015, pages 34 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
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[Updating of Annex C(LV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UG Uganda

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 **Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)**, 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 13 February 2020, pages 20 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

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

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

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)¹ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) is added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,² the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(*a-bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Offices, in their capacity as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau of the language(s) of the language-dependent free text which they are prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

LV Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

UG Uganda

The **Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

² Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

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 October 2022, are as follows:

Search fee: EUR 1,954

Reduced search fee for natural persons and legal entities: EUR 391 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States that benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion.)

Reduced search fee for universities: EUR 293 (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*]

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 October 2022, are EUR 977 or EUR 391 (the latter applies where the applicant is a small entity).¹

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

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

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 2022, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	10.91	(online)
	EUR	21.82	(on paper)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	16.37	(electronic copy)
	EUR	43.62	(paper copy)
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR	163.60	(request filed online)
	EUR	327.20	(request filed on paper)

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

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of the national filing fee in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, also applicable since 1 July 2022, are as follows:

National fee:²

For patent:

Filing fee: ³	EUR	54.54	(online)
	EUR	109.08	(on paper)

For utility model:

Filing fee: ³	EUR	54.54	(online)
	EUR	109.08	(on paper)

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

² If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the applicant may still file the translation and/or pay the fee within one month from the expiration of the applicable time limit, subject to the payment of a surcharge equal to 50% of the filing fee.

³ Includes publication and examination.

UA Ukraine

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)”**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2022, are USD 102 for searches carried out in Ukrainian or Russian, and USD 306 for searches carried out in English, French or German.

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

US United States of America

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 October 2022, are EUR 2,132 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, EUR 1,066 for a small entity, and EUR 533 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

Corrigendum

The reference to Annex F, section 3.1.1.2 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as contained in the notifications by receiving Offices and Authorities published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 19 May 2022 (pages 133 and 136), 30 June 2022 (pages 165-166), 14 July 2022 (page 178), 21 July 2022 (pages 184-190), 28 July 2022 (pages 197-199) and 4 August 2022 (pages 205-210), was incorrect.

The correct reference with regard to the electronic document format for sequence listings (WIPO Standard ST.26 XML) is Annex F, section 3.1.1.4. Consequently, the item concerning the electronic document format “WIPO Standard ST.26 XML”, contained in notifications published in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette), is replaced by the following:

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

- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)

[Updating of Annexes C(AT), (AU), (BG), (BR), (CN), (DE), (DK), (EP), (GB), (IE), (IT), (JO), (LT), (MK), (MY), (NZ), (PL), (QA), (RS), (SA), (SE), (SG), (SK) and (TN) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

BN Brunei Darussalam

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 **Brunei Darussalam Intellectual Property Office (BrulPO)**, 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 14 January 2016, pages 9 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

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

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

CZ Czechia

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 **Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 25 June 2015, pages 101 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)

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

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

ES Spain

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 **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 03/2004, pages 1732 *et seq.* (as modified by the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 October 2010, page 175, and 12 August 2021, page 136).

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- ASCII (see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

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

GE Georgia

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 **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)**, 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 1 June 2017, pages 82 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

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

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

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)⁴ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

⁴ Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) is added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,⁵ the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(*a-bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Offices, in their capacity as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau of the language(s) of the language-dependent free text which they are prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

BN Brunei Darussalam

The **Brunei Darussalam Intellectual Property Office (BrulPO)** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

CZ Czechia

The **Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic** is prepared to accept English, French, German or Czech. The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in English and another filing language within a single sequence listing.

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

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** is prepared to accept Spanish. The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and Spanish within a single sequence listing.

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

⁵ Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

GB United Kingdom

The **Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom)**⁶ is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (English or Welsh). The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and Welsh within a single sequence listing.

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

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (English, Georgian or Russian). The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and another filing language within a single sequence listing.

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

⁶ Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BN Brunei Darussalam

The **Brunei Darussalam Intellectual Property Office (BruIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and now accepts the filing of all types of documents by e-mail (at: patents@bruipo.gov.bn); the original hard copy of the document(s) must still be furnished in all cases.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

CV Cabo Verde

The **Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 September 2022 with IGQPI, or with the receiving Office of the International Bureau of WIPO, by nationals and residents of Cabo Verde.

JM Jamaica

Information on the requirements of the **Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO)** as receiving Office is provided in Annex C(JM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

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

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Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022.

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Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,² the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of the language(s) of the language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

JM Jamaica

The **Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO)** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly. Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place, is able to participate in DAS, either as an office of first filing (“depositing Office”) or as an office of second filing (“accessing Office”), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17) in a wide variety of media and formats.

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

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

IR Islamic Republic of Iran

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office, with effect since 1 August 2022.³

[Updating of Annex B1(IR) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

² Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

³ For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=12533

PL Poland

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as an accessing Office, with effect from 1 September 2022.⁴

⁴ For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=12536

C	Receiving Offices	C
JM	JAMAICA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE (JIPO)	JM

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

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¹ Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

² Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format; no fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format.

³ With effect from 22 August 2022. The relevant notification by the Office will be published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* shortly.

⁴ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

C **Receiving Offices** **C**

JM **JAMAICA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY** **JM**

OFFICE (JIPO)

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Jamaican dollar (JMD)
Transmittal fee:	JMD 8,500
International filing fee: ⁵	Equivalent in JMD of US dollars 1,437
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁵	Equivalent in JMD of US dollars 16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	Equivalent in JMD of US dollars 216 ⁶
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	Equivalent in JMD of US dollars 324 ⁶
Search fee:	See Annex D(AT), (AU), (CA) or (EP)
Fee for priority document:	JMD 4,500
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	JMD 3,500
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Jamaica Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Jamaica
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁷
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	None
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

⁵ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(1B)).

⁶ See footnote 3.

⁷ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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PH Philippines

Due to inclement weather conditions, the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 1 p.m. on 23 August to 24 August 2022 (inclusive). Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell during the aforementioned closure, that period expired on 25 August 2022.

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

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

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

CU Cuba

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 **Cuban Industrial Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 28 January 2016, pages 28 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

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

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

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

DJ Djibouti

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 **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)**, 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 14 October 2021, pages 166 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

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

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

EC Ecuador

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 **National Service of Intellectual Rights (SENADI) (Ecuador)**, 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 11 July 2019, pages 102 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

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

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

SI Slovenia

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 **Slovenian Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 21 September 2017, pages 134 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

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

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

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)¹ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26², the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(*a-bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Offices, in their capacity as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau of the language(s) of the language-dependent free text which they are prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

CU Cuba

The **Cuban Industrial Property Office** is prepared to accept Spanish. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

EC Ecuador

The **National Service of Intellectual Rights (SENADI) (Ecuador)** is prepared to accept Spanish. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

² Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

EE Estonia

The **Estonian Patent Office** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (English or German). The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and another language within a single sequence listing.

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

SI Slovenia

The **Slovenian Intellectual Property Office** is prepared to accept English, French, German or Slovene. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2022, is ZAR 25,560.

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

HU Hungary

New equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	HUF 549,600
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	HUF 6,200
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	HUF 82,600
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	HUF 124,000

[Updating of Annex C(HU) 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 2022, are EUR 124 and EUR 31 (in the case of filing by an individual).

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

AZ Azerbaijan

The **Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan** has specified the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) – in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 27 July 2022, by nationals and residents of Azerbaijan, , with the Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO, in their capacity as receiving Offices.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes regarding the required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase, with effect from 3 October 2022, as follows:

Under PCT Article 22: Description, other than any sequence listings; claims, if the description or claims contained in the international application are entirely in a language other than English or French (if amended, as amended only, together with any statement under PCT Article 19).

Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, other than any sequence listings; claims, if the description or claims contained in the international application are entirely in a language other than English or French (if any of those parts has been amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report).

Applicants may enter the national phase with untranslated portions of the description or claims only where those elements of the international application are partly in a language other than English or French; however, untranslated text matter will not be taken into account for the purpose of interpreting the scope of protection sought or obtained.

Furthermore, the Office notified changes to its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* (Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27). As from 3 October 2022, the Office will require the following:

- The name and postal address of each inventor;
- A statement that either (i) the applicant/applicants is/are entitled to apply for a patent, (ii) the applicant is the sole inventor or, if there are joint applicants, the applicants are all inventors and the sole inventors, or (iii) a declaration in accordance with Rule 4.17(ii) of the Regulations under the PCT;

- If the Commissioner reasonably doubts that the person who entered the national phase is the applicant of the international application or his/her legal representative, the Commissioner will require evidence to establish ownership rights in the international application;¹
- Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not the inventor;
- Evidence of the consent of the appointment of the patent agent is required when the document appointing that agent is submitted by someone other than the patent agent being appointed.

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

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

JP Japan

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 **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of several changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 27 October 2016, pages 216 *et seq.*

In particular, the Office has notified changes to the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, as well as to the available methods of online payment and the details concerning its help desk.

Consequently, with effect since 1 July 2022, the following notification replaces the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette):

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
 - (a) JISX 0208
 - (b) Shift-JIS
 - (c) IBM943-Unicode3.0/UTF-8 table in IBM AIX
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (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)
- JFIF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

¹ An applicant may provide documentation with the request to enter the national phase establishing how the person who entered the national phase is the applicant of the international application or the legal representative. Such documentation may include: Form PCT/IB/306, a document effecting the transfer of rights, or a change of name document.

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

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5)

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

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

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

- JPO PAS (Internet version)

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

Enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4) is needed as a signature under PCT Article 14(1)(a)(i).

Text string signature can be used for other purposes, such as the signature for a declaration of inventorship under Section 214.

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

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

It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the above-mentioned means of transmittal or document packaging that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates, applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by issuing an error message.

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

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

The following means of online payment are accepted: (i) payment by JPO's deposit account, (ii) payment to the Japanese government account by online banking, or (iii) payment by credit cards.

In addition, the following means of payment are accepted: (i) payment by patent revenue stamps, or (ii) payment to the Japanese government account by bank transfer.

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

The Office has put in place a support center for online filing.

The task of this support center is to answer questions from users of the service for the online filing of patents, and to serve as a technical hotline in order to help applicants whenever bugs and other technical problems relating to the software and/or server are encountered.

This support center is open from Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays, from 9:00 a.m. until 6:15 p.m., and it may be contacted:

- by phone, at: +81 (0)3 5744 8534
- by fax, at: +81 (0)3 3582 0510

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

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software²

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

The Office will accept no filing of documents in pre-conversion format together with the international application.

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

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

The Office will provide information on its website (www.jpo.go.jp) concerning the availability of online filing systems.

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

- Registrar of Legal Affairs Bureau
(www.moj.go.jp/ONLINE/CERTIFICATION/index.html)
- Secom Trust Systems Co., Ltd. (www.secomtrust.net/service/ninsyo/forgid.html)
- Nippon Denshi Ninsho Co., Ltd. (www.ninsho.co.jp/aosign/index.html)
- Teikoku Databank, Ltd. (www.tdb.co.jp/typeA/index.html)
- e-Probatio CA (www.e-probatio.com)

² Applicable since 1 April 2016.

- Japannet Corporation (www.japannet.jp/ca/index.html)
- Tohoku Information Systems Co., Inc. (<https://www.toinx.net/ebs/info.html>)
- JPki (www.jpki.go.jp)
- J-LIS (www.kojinbango-card.go.jp/kojinbango/)
- GPki (www.gpki.go.jp)
- LGPki (www.lgpki.jp)

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

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.

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

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CV Cabo Verde

AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

On 14 July 2022, **Cabo Verde** deposited its instrument of accession to the *Protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs within the Framework of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) (Harare Protocol)* and will become bound by that Protocol on 14 October 2022. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 14 October 2022 will include the designation of Cabo Verde for an ARIPO patent, as well as for a national patent.

Moreover, from 14 October 2022, nationals and residents of Cabo Verde will be able to file international applications with ARIPO in its capacity as receiving Office, in addition to the Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI) (Cabo Verde) and the receiving Office of the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Updating of Annexes B2(AP) and C(AP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2022, is SGD 2,495.

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

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2022, is NZD 2,428.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** 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 2022, is SGD 2,495.

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

KR Republic of Korea

A new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 November 2022, is KRW 274,000.

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

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)¹ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (a-bis) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,² the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of the language(s) it is prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

DJ Djibouti

The **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (Arabic, English or French). The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and another filing language within a single sequence listing.

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

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

² Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

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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 November 2022, are USD 326 when filing online, and USD 488 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) 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 November 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY 190,300
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY 2,100
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	JPY 42,900
Handling fee:	JPY 28,600

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

SE Sweden

New equivalent amounts in **Swedish kronor (SEK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 November 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SEK 14,650
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SEK 170

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

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	SEK	2,200
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	SEK	3,300
Handling fee:	SEK	2,200

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

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

EE Estonia

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 **Estonian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 30 April 2015, pages 71 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

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

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

FI Finland

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 **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 10 November 2016, pages 230 *et seq.*

In particular, the Office notified changes to the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, as well as to the details concerning its help desk and to the electronic addresses of certificate policies under which certificates are issued.

Consequently, with effect since 1 July 2022, the following notification replaces the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette):

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing
- EPO online filing software

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

- the international application must be signed by means of a basic electronic signature (text string or facsimile) or by means of an enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3)

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

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

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1), or if outdated certificates have been used, that a notification of receipt will not be generated. Other errors, such as applications being infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic, are notified to the applicant in the acknowledgement of receipt.

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

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

No online payment is available. The following means of deferred payment are accepted: payment by debit card or by bank transfer.

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

Within the framework of its service for the electronic filing of patents, the Office has put in place a help desk for applicants.

The task of this help desk is to answer questions from users of the service for the electronic filing of patents, and in particular to serve as a technical hotline in order to help applicants whenever bugs and other technical problems relating to the software and/or server are encountered.

This help desk is open from Monday to Friday, from 9.00 a.m. until 4.15 p.m.

The PRH patent help desk may be contacted as follows:

- by telephone at: (358-0) 29509 5858
- by web form (in Finnish) at the following address:
https://www.prh.fi/fi/patentit/palvelut_ja_tietokannat/epoline_online_filing_eolf/helpdesk.html
- further information:
<https://www.prh.fi/en/patentit/servicesanddatabases/patentadvisoryservice.html>

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

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, 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. The files should be in ZIP format and contain texts either in ASCII plain text or in any other commonly known format.

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

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to inform the applicant of alternative filing procedures.

The Office will provide on its website (www.prh.fi) information concerning possible interruptions in electronic filing services.

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

EPO online filing software:

- citizen certificates on identity cards issued by the Finnish Police (for the certificate policy, see <https://dvv.fi/en/certificates>)
- organization certificates on organization cards issued by the Finnish Population Register Center (for the certificate policy, see <https://dvv.fi/en/certificates>)
- European Patent Office certificate on EPO smart cards issued by the European Patent Office CA (for the certificate policy, see www.epo.org/applying/online-services/security.html)

ePCT-Filing:

- WIPO customer certificate issued by the WIPO Customer CA (for the certificate policy, see <https://www.wipo.int/pct-eservices/en/certificates.html>)
- European Patent Office certificate on EPO smart cards issued by the European Patent Office CA (for the certificate policy, see www.epo.org/applying/online-services/security.html)

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

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

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

IQ Iraq

Pursuant to PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the Iraqi Patent Office (IQPO), in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form, with effect since **4 September 2022**, as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is 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: (964-782) 264 19 31
- by e-mail at: IQPO@cosqc.gov.iq

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

JM Jamaica

Pursuant to PCT Rules 89bis.1(d) and 89bis.2 and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form, with effect since **22 August 2022**, as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is 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: (876) 946 1300
- by e-mail at: patent@jipo.gov.jm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TR Türkiye

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 **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 28 May 2015, pages 87 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

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

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

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)¹ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,² the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(*a-bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Offices, in their capacity as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau of the language(s) of the language-dependent free text which they are prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

² Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

EE Estonia – Corrigendum

Incorrect information was published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 1 September 2022 (page 242), concerning the languages of the language-dependent free text which the **Estonian Patent Office** is prepared to accept.

As indicated in the aforementioned publication, the Office is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (English or German); however, the Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** is prepared to accept English, Finnish or Swedish. The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and another filing language (Finnish or Swedish) within a single sequence listing.

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

MK North Macedonia

The **State Office of Industrial Property (North Macedonia)** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

TR Türkiye

The **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)** is prepared to accept English or the same language as used in the international application (French, German, or Turkish). The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and another filing language (French, German, Turkish) within a single sequence listing.

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

CV Cabo Verde

General information on **Cabo Verde** as a PCT Contracting State is provided in Annex B1(CV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

ME Montenegro

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

Name of Office: Ministry of Economic Development and
Tourism of Montenegro

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

ME Montenegro

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

On 15 July 2022, **Montenegro** deposited its instrument of accession to the *European Patent Convention (EPC)* and will become bound by that Convention on 1 October 2022. Consequently, as from 1 October 2022, it will be possible for applicants to designate Montenegro in their international applications for the purposes of obtaining a European patent.

Moreover, from 1 October 2022, nationals and residents of Montenegro will be able to file international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office, in addition to the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Updating of Annexes B1(ME), B2(EP) and C(EP), and of the National Chapter, Summary (EP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2022, is USD 304.

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2022, are CHF 999 for an application in Japanese,¹ and CHF 1,181 for an application in English.²

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

KR Republic of Korea

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 **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2022, are CHF 330 for searches carried out in Korean and CHF 880 for searches carried out in English.

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

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2022, is EUR 1,593.

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

SY Syrian Arab Republic

The **Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection, Directorate of Industrial and Commercial Property Protection (Syrian Arab Republic)** has notified the International Bureau of fee amounts in **Syrian pounds (SYP)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office since 15 June 2022, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	SYP 5,000
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	SYP 3,000

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

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

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

ME Montenegro

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), the **Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism of Montenegro** has notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 October 2022, it will cease to act as a receiving Office under the PCT and, from this date, will delegate its receiving Office functions to the **European Patent Office (EPO)**.

However, pursuant to Article 124 of the *Patent Law* of Montenegro and in accordance with PCT Article 27(8), any international application filed by a national or resident of Montenegro, which concerns an invention of significance for the defense and security of Montenegro, must be filed with the Ministry of Defence of Montenegro. Where the Ministry of Defence of Montenegro decides not to apply measures to restrict the publication or communication of the information contained in the international application, the said application will be forwarded to the EPO as receiving Office.

For further information, refer to Articles 124 and 125 of the *Patent Law* of Montenegro and Rule 157(3) of the *European Patent Convention*.

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

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

CV Cabo Verde

Pursuant to PCT Rules 89bis.1(d) and 89bis.2 and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI) (Cabo Verde)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form, with effect from **31 October 2022**, as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by telephone at: (238) 260 43 40
- by e-mail at: dsppi@igqpi.gov.cv

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Name of Office:	Instituto de Gestão da Qualidade e da Propriedade Intelectual (IGQPI) Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI) (Cabo Verde)
Location and mailing address:	Av. Amílcar Cabral, nº 27 R/C, Plateau, C.P. 7600-146, Praia, Santiago, Cabo Verde
Telephone:	(238) 260 43 40
E-mail:	geraligqpi@mice.gov.cv dsp@igqpi.gov.cv
Internet:	https://www.igqpi.cv
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by e-mail
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Cabo Verde:	Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI) (Cabo Verde), ARIPO Office ¹ or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Cabo Verde is designated (or elected):	National protection: Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI) (Cabo Verde) ARIPO protection ¹ : ARIPO Office (see National Phase)
May Cabo Verde be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, provisional patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of a patent) ARIPO ¹ : Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to an ARIPO patent)

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¹ With effect from 14 October 2022. For further details, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 15 September 2022, page 251.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CZ Czechia

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

E-mail: posta@upv.gov.cz

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

ME Montenegro

The **Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism (Montenegro)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone number, e-mail address and Internet address, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (382) 20 234 591

E-mail: dragana.ranitovic@mek.gov.me

Internet: www.gov.me/mek

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

PH Philippines

Due to inclement weather conditions, the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 26 September 2022. 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 during the aforementioned closure, that period expired on 27 September 2022.

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

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified the International Bureau of the provisions of its national legislation concerning restrictions to the filing of international applications by nationals and residents of Romania.

In particular, for inventions made in Romania that concern a subject matter of significance for national security, a national or resident of Romania must file the international application directly with the State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania), pursuant to Articles 4(3) and 7 of the *Regulations on the Implementation of the Patent Law No. 64/1991 (approved by Government Decision No. 547/2008 of May 21, 2008)*.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

CN China

Further to the notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 29 October 2020 (page 223), the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau of the extension of the two-year pilot project under which the European Patent Office (EPO) was specified as competent International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) for international applications filed by nationals and residents of China, in English, with the CNIPA or with the receiving Office of the International Bureau, from 1 December 2020 until 30 November 2022. Pursuant to the consensus reached by the CNIPA and the EPO, the pilot project will be extended for one year, from 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023, for a maximum of 3,000 applications.

The terms of the transitional phase will continue to apply, under which applicants who file an international application with the CNIPA as receiving Office and select the EPO as ISA will be required to pay the international search fee directly to the EPO, in **euros (EUR)**.¹ In addition, applicants participating in the pilot, whose international search is performed by the EPO as ISA, may still file a demand for international preliminary examination with the EPO, in its capacity as IPEA.

For additional details, refer to:

<https://www.epo.org/news-events/news/2022/20220916.html> (in English); and

https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2022/9/16/art_364_153578.html (in Chinese).

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

¹ For a list of fees payable to the EPO as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, refer to the Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (available at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf), and Annexes D(EP), SISA(EP) and E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

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AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

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 **African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)**, 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 9 July 2020, pages 150 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
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[Updating of Annex C(AP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)² of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended Rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

² Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,³ the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(*a-bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Offices, in their capacity as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau of the language(s) of the language-dependent free text which they are prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

The **African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

DK Denmark

The **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** is prepared to accept Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian, Swedish, English, French or German. The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and another filing language within a single sequence listing.

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

³ Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

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, an Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service (a “participating Office”)⁴ 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.⁵

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

Between 1 July and 30 September 2022 (inclusive), the following Offices notified the International Bureau of their participation, or of a change in the scope of their participation, in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, in accordance with Part II.1 of Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT:

⁴ A participating Office may refer to a PCT receiving Office (“RO”), International Searching Authority (“ISA”), Authority specified for supplementary international search (“SISA”) or International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”).

⁵ 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.

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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) ⁶	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>
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

⁶ 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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KR Republic of Korea

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendments to Annexes A and D

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) and (iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annexes A and D thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 1 December 2022, consist of the addition of **Cabo Verde** to the States indicated in item (i) of Annex A and in item (4) of Part II of Annex D.

As from 1 December 2022, Annexes A and D will read as follows:

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

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

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

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

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

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

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

(ii) [No change]

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

Annex D Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of fees and charges

[No change]

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

(1) to (3) [No change]

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

(5) to (6) [No change]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2022, are USD 330 for international applications filed in Korean or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and USD 881 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*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2022, are NZD 3,820 and ZAR 39,360 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, NZD 1,910 and ZAR 19,680 for a small entity, and NZD 955 and ZAR 9,840 for a micro entity.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

CV Cabo Verde

The **Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI (Cabo Verde))** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Korean Intellectual Property Office – in addition to the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed on or after 17 October 2022 and 1 December 2022, respectively, with IGQPI or the receiving Office of the International Bureau of WIPO, by nationals and residents of Cabo Verde.

Further information on the requirements of the Office, as receiving Office, is provided in Annex C(CV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

C **Receiving Offices** **C**
CV **INSTITUTE FOR QUALITY MANAGEMENT** **CV**
AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IGQPI)
(CABO VERDE)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Cabo Verde
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, Portuguese ¹
Language(s) in which the sequence listing may be filed:	Same as the language of filing (English or Portuguese); or both
Language in which the request may be filed:	English, Portuguese
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2,3}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing ⁴
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the due care and the “unintentional” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office, ⁵ Korean Intellectual Property Office ⁶ or National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office, ^{5,7} Korean Intellectual Property Office ⁶ or National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)

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¹ Depending on the applicant’s choice of competent International Searching Authority, a translation into a corresponding language (see Annex D) may have to be furnished by the applicant (PCT Rule 12.3).
² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).
³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format; no fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format.
⁴ With effect from 31 October 2022. The relevant notification by the Office will be published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* shortly.
⁵ With effect from 17 October 2022.
⁶ [With effect from 1 December 2022.](#)
⁷ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

C **Receiving Offices** **C**
CV **INSTITUTE FOR QUALITY MANAGEMENT** **CV**
AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IGQPI)
(CABO VERDE)

[Continued]

Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Cabo Verde escudo (CVE) and Euro (EUR)
Transmittal fee:	Information not yet available
International filing fee: ⁸	EUR 1,305
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁸	EUR 15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR 196 ⁹
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR 294 ⁹
Search fee:	See Annex D(BR), (EP) ¹⁰ or (KR) ¹¹
Fee for priority document:	Information not yet available
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	Information not yet available
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Cabo Verde Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person residing in Cabo Verde
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

⁸ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁹ Refer to footnote 4.

¹⁰ Refer to footnote 5.

¹¹ Refer to footnote 6.

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UZ Uzbekistan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Agency under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan**, 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 8 October 2020, pages 206 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26. Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

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

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

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)¹ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended Rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,² the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

UZ Uzbekistan

In accordance with Section 332(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions, the **Intellectual Property Agency under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan** has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept English or Russian for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and Russian within a single sequence listing.

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

² Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

MK North Macedonia

The **State Office of Industrial Property (North Macedonia)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its location and mailing address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Str. Dame Gruev, No. 14 1000 Skopje North Macedonia
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[Updating of Annex B1(MK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

DZ Algeria

The **Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau of the amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Algerian dinars (DZD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This fee, applicable since 1 January 2022, is DZD 10,000.

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

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

PA Panama

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 **Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 October 2016, pages 207 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

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

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

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)¹ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended Rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,² the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

PA Panama

In accordance with Section 332(*a-bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the **Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)** has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept Spanish for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

² Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

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: 19 October 2022, from 2:30 a.m. to 6:25 a.m. CEST (Central European Summer Time)

Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to the unavailability of the above-mentioned service during the indicated period may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 July 2020, pages 155 *et seq.*

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

ME Montenegro

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

The **Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism (Montenegro)** has notified the International Bureau that Montenegro, which became bound by the *European Patent Convention (EPC)* on 1 October 2022, has closed the national route for obtaining patent protection via the PCT, with effect since the aforementioned date.

Consequently, and in accordance with Article 153a of the *Patent Law* of Montenegro and PCT Article 45(2), any designation of Montenegro in an international application filed on or after 1 October 2022 shall constitute an indication under PCT Rule 4.9(iii) that the international application is for the grant of a regional (European) patent for Montenegro.

[Updating of Annex B1(ME) and of the National Chapter, Summary (EP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Costa Rica)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office and applicable since 1 December 2021, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD 237	(online)
	[no change]	(on paper)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD 32	

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

The **African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)** has clarified the conditions for exemption of national search and examination fees, as follows:

For applications filed on or before 1 January 2017, no search or examination fee is payable, if an international search report or preliminary examination report has been established for the international application.

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

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

CA Canada

Agreement between the Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property 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 2023, 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 2023, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Canadian dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,684.12
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,684.12
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	842.06
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	842.06
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/texts/agreements/ag_ca.pdf

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2023, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	CAD	1,684.12
Additional search fee ² (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	CAD	1,684.12

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

In addition, the Office notified new amounts of fees in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** payable to the Office in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, also applicable from 1 January 2023, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	CAD	842.06
Additional preliminary examination fee ³ (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	CAD	842.06

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

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

CH Switzerland

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 **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property**, 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 15 June 2017, pages 88 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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.

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)

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

IL Israel

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 **Israel Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 25 August 2016, pages 176 *et seq.* (as modified in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 5 May 2022, page 110).

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

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

MA Morocco

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 **Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)**, 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 6 April 2017, pages 63 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

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

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

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)⁴ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended Rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022.

⁴ Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,⁵ the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

CH Switzerland

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

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

⁵ Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

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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 its specification of competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities.

In particular, with effect from 1 December 2022, the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Israel Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office (JPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the USPTO are the only competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the United States of America with the USPTO, or with the receiving Office of the International Bureau.

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

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

CL Chile

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 **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**, 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 4 December 2014, pages 190 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26. Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

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

HR Croatia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notifications published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 December 2012, pages 180 *et seq.* and 22 February 2018, pages 193 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26. Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notifications published in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

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

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

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)¹ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended Rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (a-bis) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,² the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Offices, in their capacity as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau of the language(s) of the language-dependent free text which they are prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

CL Chile

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** is prepared to accept Spanish. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (Croatian or English). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

² Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following consultations undertaken by the Director General of WIPO in October 2022, 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 2023, as indicated in table 1 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current equivalent amounts in the prescribed currencies, and, in bold print, the new equivalent amounts of those fees corresponding to the amounts in Swiss francs (CHF) set out in the current Schedule of Fees.²

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of **search fees** have been established in **receiving Offices' currencies** for all International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 January 2023, as indicated in table 2 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current equivalent amounts (in receiving Offices' currencies) and, in bold print, any new amounts of the search fees fixed,³ or to be fixed,⁴ by the International Searching Authority and the new equivalent amounts of all search fees, in the currencies other than the currency in which the International Searching Authority has fixed its fees.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the **supplementary search fees** have been established in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, also with effect from 1 January 2023, for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, as indicated in table 3 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current amounts of the supplementary search fees (in the currencies in which the Authority has fixed its fees), and, in bold print, any new amounts⁵ of the supplementary search fees fixed by the Authority, as well as the new equivalent amounts of those fees in Swiss francs (CHF), with effect from 1 January 2023.

¹ The Directives of the PCT Assembly relating to the establishment of equivalent amounts of certain fees are available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/equivalent_amounts.html

² Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/rtax.html>

³ Applicable only to the search fees fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office.

⁴ Applicable only to the search fees to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office (PRV), the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent), and the Nordic Patent Institute.

⁵ Applicable only to the supplementary search fees fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office (PRV), the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent), and the Nordic Patent Institute.

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

Annexes C(AM), (AP), (AT), (AU), (AZ), (BA), (BG), (BH), (BW), (BY), (BZ), (CA), (CL), (CN), (CR), (CV), (CY), (CZ), (DE), (DJ), (DK), (DO), (EA), (EC), (EE), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (FR), (GB), (GE), (GH), (GR), (HN), (HU), (IB), (IE), (IL), (IN), (IQ), (IS), (IT), (JM), (JO), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KH), (KZ), (LR), (LT), (LU), (LV), (MD), (MT), (MW), (MX), (NI), (NL), (NO), (NZ), (OM), (PA), (PE), (PG), (PH), (PT), (QA), (RO), (RS), (RU), (SA), (SC), (SE), (SG), (SI), (SK), (SV), (SY), (TJ), (TM), (TT), (UA), (UG), (US), (UZ), (WS), (ZA), (ZM), (ZW),

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RECEIVING OFFICES

LV Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning its specification of competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities. In particular, with effect from 1 December 2022, the European Patent Office (EPO) will be the only competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Latvia with the Latvian Patent Office, the EPO or the receiving Office of the International Bureau.

Furthermore, the Office notified that, with effect from 1 February 2023, the languages in which the international application may be filed are Latvian, English, French and German, and the languages in which the request may be filed are English, French and German.

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

TM Turkmenistan

The **State Service for Intellectual Property of the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan** has specified the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) – in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 4 November 2022 with the State Service for Intellectual Property of the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan, the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO, in their capacities as receiving Offices, by nationals and residents of Turkmenistan.

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

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

TH Thailand

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 **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)**, 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 3 February 2022, pages 36 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26. Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

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

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

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)⁶ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended Rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

⁶ Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (a-bis) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,⁷ the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

TH Thailand

In accordance with Section 332(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions, the **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept English for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

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

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

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly. Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place, is able to participate in DAS, either as an Office of first filing (“depositing Office”) or as an Office of second filing (“accessing Office”), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17) in a wide variety of media and formats.

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

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

LT Lithuania

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as both a depositing and an accessing Office, with effect from 1 January 2023.⁸

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

⁷ Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

⁸ For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=12645

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies) (applicable as from January 1, 2023)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on October 3, 2022	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees Item 3
				Item 4(a)	Item 4(b)	Item 4(c)	
Reference currency Swiss franc		1,330	15	100	200	300	200 Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar	0.63700	1,970 2,088	22 24	n.a n.a	296 314	444 471	296 314 New amount
CAD - Canadian dollar	0.71938	1,849	20	n.a	272	408	272 Current amount
CNY - Yuan renminbi	0.13824	9,280 9,620	100 110	n.a n.a	1,390 1,460	2,090 2,170	1,390 1,460 New amount
DKK - Danish krone	0.12973	10,250	120	n.a	1,540	2,310	1,540 New amount
EUR - Euro	0.96487	1,305 1,378	15 16	98 104	196 207	294 311	196 207 New amount
GBP - Pound sterling	1.10800	1,132 1,200	13 14	n.a n.a	170 181	255 271	n.a n.a Current amount
HUF - Hungarian forint	0.00227	549,600 585,900	6,200 6,600	n.a n.a	82,600 88,100	124,000 132,200	n.a n.a Current amount
ILS - New Israeli sheqel	0.27553	** **	** **	n.a n.a	** **	** **	695 726 Current amount
ISK - Icelandic krona	0.00681	185,500 195,300	2,100 2,200	n.a n.a	27,900 29,400	41,800 44,100	n.a n.a Current amount
JPY - Japanese yen	0.00682	190,300 195,000	2,100 2,200	n.a n.a	n.a n.a	42,900 44,000	28,600 29,300 Current amount
KRW - Korean won	0.00068	*** ***	*** ***	n.a n.a	n.a n.a	*** ***	274,000 294,000 Current amount
NOK - Norwegian krone	0.09131	13,830 14,570	160 160	n.a n.a	2,080 2,190	3,120 3,290	n.a n.a Current amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	0.55900	2,208 2,379	25 27	n.a n.a	332 358	498 537	n.a n.a Current amount
SEK - Swedish krona	0.08860	14,650 15,010	170 170	n.a n.a	2,200 2,260	3,300 3,390	2,200 2,260 Current amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.68840	1,948 1,932	22 22	n.a n.a	293 291	439 436	293 291 Current amount
USD - US dollar	0.98790	1,437 1,346	16 15	108 101	216 202	324 304	216 202 Current amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.05490	23,410 24,230	260 270	n.a n.a	3,520 3,640	5,280 5,460	n.a n.a Current amount

* Amounts applicable since November 1, 2022.

** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in New Israeli sheqels of the amounts in US dollars indicated above.

*** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Korean won of the amounts in Swiss francs indicated above.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2023)

International Searching Authority	ISA/AT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR		ISA/CA	
	EUR	Exch. Rate	AUD	Exch. Rate	BRL	Exch. Rate	CAD	Exch. Rate
Reference currency & amount	EUR	1,775	AUD	2,200	BRL	2,525	CAD	1,628.74
<i>Exchange rates applicable on October 3, 2022</i>								
CHF - Swiss franc	1,03641	1,809	1,56986	1,485	5,48216	471	1,39009	1,197
		1,713		1,401		461		1,212 ²
USD - US dollar	1,02387	1,816	1,55086	1,502	5,41582	488 ³	1,37327	1,310
		1,734		1,419		466		1,226 ⁴
EUR - Euro			1,51471	1,508	5,28957	484	1,34125	1,196
				1,452		477		1,256 ⁵
AUD - Australian dollar								
DKK - Danish krone								
GBP - Pound sterling								
HUF - Hungarian forint								
ISK - Icelandic krona								
JPY - Japanese yen								
KRW - Korean won	0,00070	2,465,000	0,00107	2,018,000				
		2,536,000		2,056,000				
NOK - Norwegian krone								
NZD - New Zealand dollar			0,87755	2,428 ³				
				2,507				
SEK - Swedish krona								
SGD - Singapore dollar	0,71346	2,495 ³	1,08069	2,175				
		2,488		2,036				
ZAR - South African rand	0,05690	30,060	0,08619	25,560 ³				
		31,200		25,530				

1. This new amount of the search fee has been fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office with effect from January 1, 2023.
(Refer to *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 10 November 2022, page 298).
2. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the search fee fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office with effect from January 1, 2023.
3. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2022.
4. New equivalent amount in US dollars of the search fee fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office with effect from January 1, 2023.
5. New equivalent amount in Euros of the search fee fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office with effect from January 1, 2023.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2023)

International Searching Authority	ISA/VL			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	1,775
Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate				Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate			Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate	
Exchange rates applicable on October 3, 2022	1.01225	1,852	370	278	7.23380	301	58.96226	605	136	19.88072	203	1.03641	1,809
CHF - Swiss franc		1,976	395	296		290		678	153		201		1,713
USD - US dollar					7.14627	304 ⁶	58.24862	631	142	19.64016	216	1.02387	1,816
EUR - Euro	0.97669	1,954	391	293	6.97967	299	56.89092	697	157	19.18231	199		1,734
AUD - Australian dollar		2,048	410	307		301		703	158		209		
DKK - Danish krone													
GBP - Pound sterling												0.13445	13,200
HUF - Hungarian forint												1.14834	1,518
ISK - Icelandic krona												0.00235	755,300
JPY - Japanese yen												0.00706	251,800
KRW - Korean won												0.00707	251,400
NOK - Norwegian krone													245,500
NZD - New Zealand dollar													251,100
SEK - Swedish krona													Current amount
SGD - Singapore dollar													17,710
ZAR - South African rand													Current amount
													18,760
													2,961
													3,064
													18,000
													19,330
													2,495 ⁶
													2,488
													30,060
													31,200

6. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2022.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2023)

International Searching Authority	ISAES		ISAFI		ISAIL		ISAIN		Current amount New amount
	EUR	Exch. Rate	EUR	Exch. Rate	ILS	Exch. Rate	INR	Exch. Rate	
Reference currency & amount	EUR	1,775	EUR	1,775	ILS	3,635	INR	10,000	2,500
Exchange rates applicable on October 3, 2022									
CHF - Swiss franc	1,809		1,809		1,024		125		31
	1,03641		1,713		3.62937		83.33333		30
USD - US dollar	1,816		1,816		1,065		126		31
	1,02387		1,734		3.58545		82.32500		30
EUR - Euro					1,041		124 ⁷		31 ⁷
					3.50187		80.40583		31
AUD - Australian dollar									New amount
DKK - Danish krone									New amount
GBP - Pound sterling									New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint									New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona									New amount
JPY - Japanese yen							16,600		4,200
							0.56833		4,400
KRW - Korean won									New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone									New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar									New amount
SEK - Swedish krona									New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar									New amount
ZAR - South African rand									New amount

7. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2022.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2023)

International Searching Authority	ISA/JP		ISA/KR		ISA/PH		ISA/RU		
	JPY	169,000	KRW	1,200,000	USD	1,000	RUB	40,000	8,500
Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		
Exchange rates applicable on October 3, 2022									
CHF - Swiss franc	146.62757	1,181 ⁸ 1,153	1,470.58824	880 ⁸ 816	1.01225	926 988	58.96226	605 678	129 144
USD - US dollar	144.85337	1,250 1,167	1,452.79412	881 ⁹ 826			58.24882	631 687	134 146
EUR - Euro	141.47654	1,222 1,195	1,418.92647	869 846	0.97669	977 1,024	56.89092	697 703	148 149
AUD - Australian dollar			936.76471	1,313 1,281					
DKK - Danish krone									
GBP - Pound sterling									
HUF - Hungarian forint									
ISK - Icelandic krona									
JPY - Japanese yen									
KRW - Korean won	0.09971	1,404,000 1,434,000							
NOK - Norwegian krone									
NZD - New Zealand dollar			822.05882	1,450 1,460					
SEK - Swedish krona									
SGD - Singapore dollar	100.93842	1,743 1,674	1,012.35294	1,290 1,185					
ZAR - South African rand									

8. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2022.

9. Amounts applicable from December 1 to December 31, 2022.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2023)

International Searching Authority	ISA/SE ¹⁰		ISA/SG		ISA/TR ¹¹		ISA/UA	
	Reference currency	Amount	Reference currency	Amount	Reference currency	Amount	Reference currency	Amount
Reference currency & amount	SEK	18,000	SGD	2,240	TRY	18,250	EUR	300
Exchange rates applicable on October 3, 2022	SEK	19,330	Exch. Rate		TRY	32,210	Exch. Rate	100
CHF - Swiss franc		1,809		1,529		1,809		306
		1,713		1,452.64		1,713		289
USD - US dollar		1,816		1,652		1,816		306
		1,734		1,435.07		1,734		293
EUR - Euro		1,775		1,593 ¹²		1,775		293
		1,775		1,401.61		1,775		293
AUD - Australian dollar								
DKK - Danish krone		13,200						
		13,200						
GBP - Pound sterling								
HUF - Hungarian forint								
ISK - Icelandic krona		251,800						
		251,400						
JPY - Japanese yen				217,300				
				0.00991				
KRW - Korean won				2,074,000				
				0.00099				
NOK - Norwegian krone		17,710						
		18,760						
NZD - New Zealand dollar								
SEK - Swedish krona								
SGD - Singapore dollar								
ZAR - South African rand								

10. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2023, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

11. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2023, to be fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

12. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2022.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2023)

International Searching Authority	ISA/US			ISA/XN ¹³		ISA/XV		
	Reference currency & amount	USD	1,090	545	DKK	13,200	EUR	1,775
Exchange rates applicable on October 3, 2022	Exch. Rate						Exch. Rate	
CHF - Swiss franc	2,018 2,154	1,009 1,077	505 538	1,809 1,713	1,809 1,713	1,809 1,713	1,809 1,713	1,809 1,713
USD - US dollar				1,816 1,734	1,816 1,734	1,816 1,734	1,816 1,734	1,816 1,734
EUR - Euro	2,132 2,232	1,066 1,116	533 558	1,775 1,775	1,775 1,775	1,775 1,775		
AUD - Australian dollar								
DKK - Danish krone								
GBP - Pound sterling								
HUF - Hungarian forint								
ISK - Icelandic krona							0.00235	680,100 755,300
JPY - Japanese yen								
KRW - Korean won								
NOK - Norwegian krone								
NZD - New Zealand dollar	3,820 ¹⁴ 3,853	1,910 ¹⁴ 1,926	955 ¹⁴ 963	17,710 18,760	17,710 18,760	17,710 18,760		
SEK - Swedish krona								
SGD - Singapore dollar								
ZAR - South African rand	39,360 ¹⁴ 39,210	19,680 ¹⁴ 19,600	9,840 ¹⁴ 9,800					

13. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2023, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

14. Amounts applicable from December 1 to December 31, 2022.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2023)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT		ISA/EP		ISA/FI		ISA/RU	
	EUR	CHF	EUR	CHF	EUR	CHF	EUR	CHF
Reference currency & amount	850 ¹	1,190 ²	1,700 ³	1,775	1,775	1,775	11,800	18,880 ⁵
Exchange rate applicable on October 3, 2022	EUR	1.03641	Exch. Rate	Exch. Rate	Exch. Rate	Exch. Rate	Exch. Rate	Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles ⁴
CHF - Swiss franc	820	1,148	1,640	1,713	1,713	1,713	200	320

1. For a search of only German-language documentation.
2. For a search of only European and North American documentation.
3. For a search of only the PCT minimum documentation.
4. This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
5. This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2023)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/SE		ISA/SG		ISA/TR		ISA/JA		
	Reference currency & amount	Amount	Reference currency & amount	Amount	Reference currency & amount	Amount	Reference currency & amount	Amount	
Exchange rate applicable on October 3, 2022 CHF - Swiss franc	SEK	18,000	SGD	2,240	TRY	500 ⁶	EUR	60 ⁷	90 ¹⁰
	SEK	19,330 ¹¹	Exch. Rate	1.45264	TRY	32,210 ¹²	Exch. Rate	58	87
		1,713 ¹³		1,542		47 ¹⁴	1.03647	68	87
								58	87

6. For a search only on the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority.
7. This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
8. For a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation.
9. For a search of only the European and North American documentation.
10. For a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation.
11. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2023.
12. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2023.
13. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2023.
14. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2023.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2023)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISAXN	ISAXV
Reference currency & amount	DKK 4,000 ¹⁵	EUR 550 ¹⁶ 1,775
Exchange rate applicable on October 3, 2022 CHF - Swiss franc	DKK 13,200 ¹⁷	Exch. Rate 1.03641 531 1,713 ¹⁸

15. For a search only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish held in the search collection of the Authority.

16. For a search only on the documents in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak held in the search collection of the Authority.

17. This amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2023.

18. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2023.

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

NL Netherlands

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 **Netherlands Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 11/2005, of 17 March 2005, pages 7068 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26. Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the PCT Gazette is as follows:

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

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

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

ZA South Africa

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 **Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)**, 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 4 June 2015, pages 92 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26. Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

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

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

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

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)¹ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended Rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,² the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(*a-bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of the language(s) of the language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

² Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

ZA South Africa

The **Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) 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 2023, 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
2 January 2023,
7 and 10 April 2023,
18 May 2023,
29 May 2023,
25 December 2023, and
29 December 2023.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** national Offices or other intergovernmental organizations.

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 2023, 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 2023 is as follows:

Cycle	Calendar month (2023)	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. 2022	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 19-Jan-2023	Friday 20-Jan-2023	Tuesday 24-Jan-2023	Friday 27-Jan-2023
2	February	Jan. 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Friday 17-Feb-2023	Monday 20-Feb-2023	Tuesday 21-Feb-2023 ¹	Friday 24-Feb-2023
3	March	Feb. 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Friday 17-Mar-2023	Monday 20-Mar-2023	Tuesday 21-Mar-2023	Friday 24-Mar-2023
4	April	Mar. 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 20-Apr-2023	Friday 21-Apr-2023	Monday 24-Apr-2023	Thursday 27-Apr-2023
5	May	Apr. 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Friday 19-May-2023	Monday 22-May-2023	Tuesday 23-May-2023	Friday 26-May-2023
6	June	May 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 22-Jun-2023	Friday 23-Jun-2023	Monday 26-Jun-2023	Thursday 29-Jun-2023
7	July	June 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 20-Jul-2023	Friday 21-Jul-2023	Tuesday 25-Jul-2023	Friday 28-Jul-2023
8	August	July 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Friday 18-Aug-2023	Monday 21-Aug-2023	Tuesday 22-Aug-2023	Friday 25-Aug-2023
9	September	Aug. 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 21-Sep-2023	Friday 22-Sep-2023	Monday 25-Sep-2023	Thursday 28-Sep-2023
10	October	Sept. 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 19-Oct-2023	Friday 20-Oct-2023	Tuesday 24-Oct-2023	Friday 27-Oct-2023
11	November	Oct. 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Friday 17-Nov-2023	Monday 20-Nov-2023	Tuesday 21-Nov-2023	Friday 24-Nov-2023
12	December	Nov. 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 14-Dec-2023	Friday 15-Dec-2023	Tuesday 19-Dec-2023	Friday 22-Dec-2023

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EA Eurasian Patent Organisation (EAPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2023, are EUR 144 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 641 for searches carried out in English.

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

EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2023, are CHF 156, EUR 159 and USD 163, respectively.

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

HU Hungary

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

International filing fee:	HUF	556,500
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	HUF	6,300
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	HUF	83,700
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	HUF	125,500

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2023, are EUR 136 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 641 for searches carried out in English.

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

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

IB International Bureau of WIPO

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 **International Bureau**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 February 2021, pages 23 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26. Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the International Bureau in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

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

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

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

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2023, is USD 1,875.

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

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2023, are USD 347 for international applications filed in Korean or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and USD 924 for international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2023, are CHF 127 for searches carried out in Russian and CHF 600 for searches carried out in English.

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have also been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 February 2023, are CHF 177 and CHF 283 (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 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2023, are NZD 3,400 for an entity other than a small or micro-entity, NZD 1,700 for a small entity, and NZD 850 for a micro-entity.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

WS Samoa

Information on the requirements of the **Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa)** as designated (or elected) Office is now available in the Summary of the National Chapter (WS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which is published at the end of the present issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

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

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly. Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place, 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) in a wide variety of media and formats.

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

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

MC Monaco

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Intellectual Property Division, Department of Economic Expansion (Monaco)** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as both a depositing and an accessing Office, with effect from 1 February 2023.¹

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

¹ For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=12646

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**MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY
AND LABOUR (MCIL) (SAMOA)**

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Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3): 31 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): 31 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	English
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, as amended only, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report) ²
Is a copy of the international application required?	No, a copy is required only if the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2).
National fee:	Currency: Samoan tala (SAT) For patent: Filing fee: SAT 500 For innovative patent: Filing fee: SAT 350
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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

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

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**MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY
AND LABOUR (MCIL) (SAMOA)**

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

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application^{3, 4}

Nationality of the applicant if it has not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application

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

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

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

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Samoa⁵

Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney)⁵

Who can act as agent?

Any attorney or lawyer registered in Samoa

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

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

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

⁴ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of three months from the date of the invitation. The Office will charge a fee in the amount of SAT 100 for compliance with that requirement in response to the invitation.

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.

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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

MU Mauritius

On 15 December 2022, **Mauritius** deposited its instrument of accession to the *Patent Cooperation Treaty* (PCT), and will become bound by the PCT on **15 March 2023**. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 15 March 2023 will automatically include the designation of Mauritius (country code: MU).

Mauritius will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 15 March 2023.

Furthermore, as from 15 March 2023, nationals and residents of Mauritius will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

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

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning how to contact the Authority to obtain copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3) or international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2), or in case of problems with downloading documents cited in the aforementioned reports, as follows:

E-mail: isa.kipo@korea.kr

Facsimile: (82-42) 481 85 78

Contact information for the PCT Korea Center in the United States of America remains unchanged.

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

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AT Austria

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 **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2023, is USD 1,875.

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

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2023, are CHF 135 for searches carried out in Russian and CHF 600 for searches carried out in English.

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

ES Spain

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 **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2023, is USD 1,875.

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

FI Finland

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 **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2023, is USD 1,875.

[Updating of Annex D(FI) 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 (PCT Rule 14), in **new Israel shekels (ILS)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2023, is ILS 596.

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

SE Sweden

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 **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2023, is USD 1,875.

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

TR Türkiye

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 **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2023, is USD 1,875.

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

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 **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2023, is USD 1,875.

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

XV Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)

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 **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2023, is USD 1,875.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, of the national filing fee, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable as from 1 January 2023, is ILS 2,183.¹

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

¹ 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.